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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ESPAILLAT).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 17, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIANO ESPAILLAT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

BIDEN'S BORDER CRISIS IS ADDING TO THE COVID CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, 10 months into the Biden administration and crisis defines this Presidency.

Since President Biden took office, we have faced crisis after crisis, not the least of which is at our southern border. Right now, the United States is experiencing the highest number of attempted illegal border crossings in 21 years. Some 1.7 million people were ap-

prehended attempting to enter the U.S. illegally in fiscal year 2021, ending September 30, which is a new record. Over 164,300 attempted to cross just in October. This is 128 percent increase from last October.

Since March 20, 95,000 illegal immigrants were released with notices to report on their honor. President Biden recently announced a hotly debated approach to limiting the spread of COVID-19, mandating vaccinations for Federal workers, Federal contract workers, healthcare workers, and anyone who works for a private business with over 100 employees. But take a guess as to who is not included in this wide-spread vaccine mandate—illegal immigrants.

While President Biden blames American citizens for the increase in COVID cases, he refuses to call out the record number of illegal immigrants entering the United States from COVID hotspots around the world who are potentially contributing to the spread of new and dangerous variants of the virus, like the delta, lambda, and mu strains.

On September 20, when White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki was asked about this double standard, she is quoted as saying, illegal immigrants didn't need to comply because "they are not intending to stay." What a laughable statement.

Once again, we are seeing the Biden administration choosing to put the interests of illegal immigrants above the interests of the American people. Why is President Biden allowing this ever-growing burden on the already strained resources of this country to continue unabated?

Our southern border is an ongoing, full-blown catastrophe and it should be treated as one. That is why I am calling on President Biden to finally address this historic disaster of his own making and at least make a good-faith effort to stem the flow of illegal immi-

gration, dangerous illicit drugs, and human trafficking in this country. And while he is at it, to implement stricter, more comprehensive and more effective COVID protections at our southern border.

SYSTEMIC RACISM IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, a proud, liberated Democrat.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address systemic racism in the judicial system. I believe one of the best ways to explain this and help persons understand with some degree of clarity is to use an example.

Let's use an example of a 25-year-old White man. Let us assume that he is jogging through a neighborhood near his home. Let's assume that he is accosted by three Black men in a truck with a liberation flag on it. And let us assume that when they accost him, one of them has a shotgun and there is an encounter with this person, who happens to be a Black man. The White man is jogging, the Black men are pursuing, and now there is an encounter.

Let's assume that this Black male shoots the White man, and in so doing, a case is brought to court by way of a video. Let's assume that in this case, the prosecutor is Black, that the judge is Black, and let's assume that the defense attorneys are able to select a jury that has 11 Black people, one White person.

Mr. Speaker, this happens quite often in our country. As a matter of fact, it can happen regularly in our country to Black people. Black people don't have the luxury of being tried by juries with 11 Black people on them. They are likely to be fewer than three. Black people don't have the luxury of being in a

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courtroom where the judge is Black, the prosecutor is Black, the court reporter is Black, and the witnesses are Black. We have a moral imperative to address this level of systemic discrimination. We should do more than simply talk about it, however. Addressing it with words is important, but we have to do more than this. We must do more than desire to manage systemic racism. We want to end it. If we don't end systemic racism, too many persons of color will continue to suffer, as is the case in this country today.

We, in this Congress, can do something about this. We have a duty to do something about it, and that something has to entail dealing with what is called a peremptory challenge, which allows a lawyer to simply draw a line through the name of a person and have that person removed from the jury, assigning some specious reason for doing so, and end up with a Black person being tried by a jury that is almost White—11 Whites and one Black.

The peremptory challenge is not something that is embedded in the Constitution. It is not something that is required. Persons can be removed from a jury for cause, but this cause, this peremptory challenge, is the cause that we should take a look at because it is absolute and it allows systemic racism to rear its ugly head in our courtrooms.

I hope to present legislation addressing systemic racism by way of the peremptory challenge.

BUILD BACK BETTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Build Back Better Act.

President Biden, Leader SCHUMER, Speaker PELOSI, and Chairman BERNIE SANDERS have made it clear they want to transform America. In fact, those are their words. They want to transform America using reconciliation, the so-called Build Back Better Act. They are trying to do it with a 50-50 Senate, a 3-seat majority in the House out of 435 Members, and a President that won by just two States.

Last November, the country did not vote for transformation, but for middle-of-the-road centrist policies and steady leadership. That is not what they got, and voters are mad.

Just look at the polling. The President sits at a 38 percent favorable rating. The generic ballot for the House favors Republicans by 11 points—the biggest margin seen in the history of this polling.

If there is any doubt, just review the recent results of Virginia where a Republican was elected; in New Jersey where a Democrat squeaked by in his reelection. A 12-point swing in Virginia and a 14-point swing in New Jersey in just one year.

Our Nation does not desire to be a giant welfare State with cradle-to-

grave government oversight controlling their lives. Last year, the country didn't vote to give amnesty and government payouts for adults who illegally crossed our borders and jumped to the front of the line of those trying to come here through legal channels. The country did not vote to hire 87,000 more IRS agents for auditing every-day Americans to raise \$400 billion to pay for their reckless spending spree.

We need IRS agents to provide customer service to those still waiting for their tax refunds, sometimes a year late, but not for more audits. Americans didn't vote to raise taxes on a third of the middle class, which is what the left-leaning Tax Policy Center stated is the case, while it also found that two-thirds of millionaires will now get a tax break at the same time because of the changes made to the SALT deductions in this bad bill.

Americans didn't vote to remove the Hyde amendment that prevented our tax dollars from paying for abortions, and they did not vote to remove work requirements for able-bodied adults to receive welfare benefits. Americans did not vote to impede and ban domestic energy and mineral production, or to increase our reliance on China and OPEC. Our citizens did not vote to raise taxes on natural gas that Americans use to heat their homes, and we did not vote to undermine our research and discovery of new drugs that can save people's lives.

Finally, Americans did not vote to give people earning up to \$500,000 tax breaks for buying electric vehicles. The authors of this legislation have either misjudged or ignored where the country is at on these issues. This legislation is a total transformation, is what the President is saying, but it is a giant, welfare-State transformation. For these reasons, and many more, I will be voting "no" on the Build Back Better Act, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I pray that moderate Democrats will say no, and like many Americans, I am grateful that Senators MANCHIN and SINEMA have been voices of reason and commonsense. We need more of their voices.

HONORING HERB BARRET FOR A REMARKABLE LIFE OF SERVICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RUIZ). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, last week, we celebrated Veterans Day. In that spirit, I rise today to honor a man of exemplary service, unwavering dedication to our country, and someone I am proud to call a constituent, Mr. Herb Barret.

Mr. Barret is someone who has lived a remarkable life of service. He is a veteran and a former member of the Marine Corps who risked his life for our country in the Korean war—sadly, but often known, as "the forgotten

war." Marines live by a set of values and principles, such as honor, courage, commitment. They are the bedrock of our Nation's character, and what Mr. Barret embodies every single day in our community. Throughout his esteemed career, Mr. Barret has shined bright as a beacon of perseverance and commitment, inspiring all of us with his valor along the way.

Mr. Barret is a dedicated member of our community in New York City and has laid the groundwork for the next generation of public servants to follow in his footsteps. He is a living example that anything that is possible in this country through hard work, dedication, and perseverance, through the physical, mental, and moral battles faced during combat and while serving in our communities on behalf of our great Nation. He is a man of great integrity, courage, and humility, and I am proud to call him a member of our community.

HONORING DR. JUAN TAPIA-MENDOZA

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I also rise today to honor Dr. Juan Tapia-Mendoza, a fellow Dominican immigrant and New Yorker who has fought tirelessly to achieve the American Dream—and that he did.

Before Dr. Tapia-Mendoza opened his pediatric practice, he was a graffiti artist known only as "C.A.T. 87," whose work was found all over the subway cars and across the city of New York in empty lots, particularly in northern Manhattan and beyond.

Though he dropped out of school at a young age, his art showcased a strong motivation, and he was able to channel that motivation into his studies and return back to Santo Domingo to study medicine.

Upon his return, Dr. Tapia-Mendoza, opened Pediatrics 2000 group, which now has two locations in my district and serves over 20,000 children, supporting not only the health of our children, but their education and literacy as well, fostering the next generation of young leaders in our community.

His clinic is also an art gallery, a center that brings together young people in our neighborhood for healthy activities; uniting medicine and art to uplift our children.

Dr. Tapia-Mendoza's incredible story was the subject of a recent documentary titled, "The Graffiti Artist Who Became a Doctor," which was recently awarded an Emmy award.

Mr. Speaker, I am here not only because he won that Emmy but because he also was there for the entire community during this horrible pandemic.

He is a shining example of how tenacity, artistry, and community intersect. I commend Dr. Tapia-Mendoza for his work and for using his story to inspire a new generation of our Latino youth.

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DEFENDING RIGHTS OF
ESSENTIAL CAREGIVERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed so many vulnerabilities in our communities, our economy, and our healthcare system. None of us were prepared for the endless virtual meetings, school closings, and weeks spent in quarantine. Nor could we have been ready for the tragic loss of our neighbors and loved ones who were living in long-term care facilities across the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today about the grave impact the negligent policies implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic had on the most vulnerable in our communities.

Over the past nearly 2 years, we watched our grandparents in nursing homes and our family and friends in group homes struggling to maintain their health, dignity, and will to go on as they were left without the care and attention they deserved over long periods of isolation.

When I was sworn in to serve in the 117th Congress, one of the first bills I introduced was the bipartisan Essential Caregivers Act. This bill is a critical step to ensure that residents of long-term care facilities are not left to suffer in isolation during this or any future public health emergency.

While shut out from their family and loved ones in isolation, many long-term care residents began suffering from depression, extreme loneliness, and a major decline in mental and physical health. It is the injustice of this century that this is going unaddressed by Congress.

Since introducing the Essential Caregivers Act, we have started a coalition of passionate and tenacious fighters across the country. It is the Essential Caregivers Movement.

With me today, I have a book authored by Karla Abraham-Conley, an amazing constituent of mine who also was prohibited from providing the needed care for her mother because of negligent policies in place by our former Governor. This is her great book. It is absolutely beautiful. "Protecting Them to Death" is the title.

Folded into each page of Karla's book are harrowing stories from individuals who either lost a loved one in a long-term care facility or witnessed from a distance as their loved ones suffered from serious declines in their mental and physical health.

These are not just the stories of New Yorkers. These are accounts from all across the Nation as you go through each part of this book. I could flip every page of this book and tell you a story from every single State. They are heartbreaking. They are cruel. Most importantly, they motivate those with the power and responsibility to make a meaningful change for our future.

When I see this book, I see the ways our laws have failed our constituents. I see the pain, but I also see the opportunity on every page, a chance for this Congress to stand up on behalf of these hurting Americans and boldly say: I will act. I will defend your rights as an essential caregiver.

Before I close, I would like to share an excerpt from Karla's personal story. "I was my mother's essential caregiver every single day prior to the lockdown. Suddenly, I wasn't there anymore, and she was incapable of understanding why."

Karla continues by saying her mother "was left to die alone in her bed, and not from COVID-19. She said to me via a virtual visit, 'Get me outta here. They're going to kill me,' which is exactly what happened."

When Karla was shut off from her mother, her mother's state of health rapidly declined. Karla's mother developed sepsis, renal failure, high sodium levels, swelling of the brain, and other symptoms that went unnoticed. After Karla fought tooth and nail to admit her mother to the emergency room, her mother passed away a week later.

Mr. Speaker, what you have heard is unacceptable by all standards, but it is just one of thousands of stories I wanted to share.

I thank Karla and so many essential caregivers, including our own VoicesForSeniors, another advocacy group in New York State, for sharing this dark chapter in their lives.

Not many people can turn grief into action and start a nationwide movement. Yet, in a time of incredible sadness and loss, so many strong men and women chose to stand up and do just that. I applaud their courage, their bravery, and their tenacity in this fight. I introduced the Essential Caregivers Act for each of them and their loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to lead this fight in Congress, but I am not leading it alone. I am joined by our colleagues from both sides of the aisle, including the bill's cosponsor and co-lead, Congressman JOHN LARSON of Connecticut. We are so grateful for his advocacy as well.

Mr. Speaker, I urge more of my colleagues to join us to pass this bill, to make it a reality and help these people who are advocating across the Nation to protect those who could be in this jeopardy in the future. I will remain committed to this fight for so many families who were forced to comply with the careless policies that prevented them from caring for their loved ones.

BENEFITS FOR BURN PIT-EXPOSED
VETERANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ESPAILLAT). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, the Burn Pit Registry

Enhancement Act, which passed the House unanimously yesterday, and to urge a vote in the Senate.

The Burn Pit Registry Enhancement Act would strengthen the registry by allowing a registered veteran's data to be updated by their family with his or her cause of death.

This data is crucial to identify the vast array of illnesses that are causing young burn pit-exposed veterans to die and will help doctors recognize early symptoms of life-threatening conditions and save lives.

As a Nation, we have a responsibility to provide our veterans with the benefits they have earned and deserve. We bear that responsibility even more heavily when the use of burn pits by our own military is causing veterans to develop rare pulmonary conditions and cancers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Senate to take up my legislation and uphold our commitment to taking care of our veterans.

ALEJANDRO CAMACHO'S STORY

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell the story of my constituent, Alejandro Camacho, of Palm Desert, a veteran who has been affected by our military's use of toxic burn pits, and to call for action.

After graduating from La Quinta High School, Alejandro served our Nation in the U.S. Marine Corps. From March to September 2009, he was stationed in south Sinjar, Iraq.

At great personal sacrifice to himself, Alejandro served as a member of the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, even missing the birth of his own son, Jacob, while he was stationed overseas.

Every single day in south Sinjar, Alejandro breathed in toxic fumes, particulate matter, and carcinogens from the batteries, medical waste, and jet fuel that was burned in large burn pits on his base.

When he returned home, the effects of breathing in those toxic fumes started taking a toll on his body. In 2019, Alejandro was diagnosed with embryonal carcinoma, an aggressive form of testicular cancer. He and his doctor believed his diagnosis to be linked to his exposures to fumes from burning jet propulsion 8 fuel, a known human carcinogen.

When Alejandro underwent the excruciating chemotherapy process, his body fell apart. He lost 50 pounds. He lost feeling in his hands and feet, and he constantly heard ringing in his ears.

Despite being deemed 40 percent disabled, despite his repeated exposure to jet fuel fumes, and despite the diagnosis, the VA denied his claim for coverage. Do you know why? Because the VA said there wasn't "enough evidence" to establish a connection between his burn pit exposure and the cancer he developed.

Mr. Speaker, I am an emergency medicine physician and a public health expert, and in public health and in medicine, it is practice that if there is

a high enough suspicion based on the evidence available of a harm that causes a severe enough illness, then we need to act on that suspicion.

We can't afford to wait decades, like we did with Agent Orange, for that perfect study to establish a perfect causality between burn pit exposure and cancers and pulmonary conditions our veterans are developing and dying from right now. There is enough evidence to act.

We must act for veterans like Alejandro and help him get the healthcare and benefits he earned when we sent him to war for our country. Alejandro is now cancer free, but the fight continues to get him the benefits he deserves.

We are making real bipartisan progress on this front, with legislation like the Honoring our PACT Act, which takes an aggressive and comprehensive approach to the urgent healthcare crisis that veterans like Alejandro are facing.

This legislation will keep our Nation's promise to our veterans that we will take care of them after they serve our Nation. It contains my bill, the Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act. It creates a presumption of service-related illnesses due to burn pits in order to take care of our veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to take up this bill to support Alejandro and the rest of our heroes in uniform.

INFLATION CRUSHING HOLIDAY BUDGETS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, Americans are feeling the pinch of rising prices as they are gearing up to both host and visit their families and friends this holiday season.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and it is shaping up to be the most expensive meal in the history of the holiday due to rising costs, largely from President Biden and Democrats' failed economic policies.

Inflation is at a 30-year high, crushing American holiday budgets from the cost of travel, food, and gifts. The price of gasoline, Mr. Speaker, is up 61 percent—nearly \$4 nationally—from a year ago, causing the price of driving and flying to see relatives skyrocket. Many Americans are now facing the decision to cancel holiday travel due to these rising costs.

Most holiday staple foods are significantly more expensive as well, if Americans are lucky enough to find them on the grocery shelves due to the supply chain crisis we are facing.

The cost of turkey is up about 20 percent. Potatoes are up about 15 percent. Carrots are up almost 50 percent. Cranberries and biscuits are up nearly 10 percent. And even pumpkin pie is way up.

On average, a Thanksgiving meal this year will cost families between 15 to 20 percent more than it did just 1 year ago today. With the rising cost of energy and essential goods, nearly one-third of working families' earnings are going to food and energy costs.

Instead of finding ways to offset this, mitigate it, improve and fix the supply chain crisis, and bring domestic energy back to minimize these skyrocketing energy costs, President Biden and my colleagues in the Democratic Caucus in this House continue to push for a historically large multitrillion-dollar spending bill called Build Back Better that will raise taxes and seriously damage domestic energy production, which I completely don't understand, nor does anyone in my district.

As well, it has special interest tax cuts, and it will not cost zero. Can we please stop insulting the people? It will cost trillions, all the while suppressing our economy and opportunity.

When you are in a hole, Mr. Speaker, you don't keep digging, but our Democrat friends continue to push for far-left policies that will further drive inflation by creating excess demand with no building of supply, which hurts low-income and middle-class families the hardest.

Now is the time for Congress to pass pro-growth, free market legislation that will actually empower our economy and put more money into the pockets of the American taxpayer, not in the coffers of Washington.

Mr. Speaker, the solutions are actually kind of simple. We must follow our rule book, which is known as the Constitution. We must respect and abide by our oath to the Constitution, not with some crazy mandates coming out of Washington. We must strengthen our national security, including securing our borders.

We must strengthen our economy, not grow our government. No one in my district is saying, hey, the Federal Government is not big enough. Let's expand it by 30 percent.

We must continue to focus on making America the land of opportunity, the land of independence, not the land of dependence. That is not what we wrote way back when. This is done through education and through driving career opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, we, as well, need to have an understanding that it is our job to be the adults in the room and be fiscally responsible with the taxpayers' money. It is not our money; it is the taxpayers' money.

So the American people deserve better. They deserve better from this House. We need to deliver. Truly, the idea of America depends upon it.

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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the critical investments coming to my home State of Texas.

This week, the President signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This bipartisan bill is bringing over \$35 billion to Texas for important projects that will rebuild our communities. The fact is, Mr. Speaker, that this is long overdue.

When I was a Harris County commissioner, I built a few roads. I saw firsthand how badly our roads and bridges had deteriorated. We regularly scored Cs and Ds on infrastructure that my precinct relied on every day, creating extra costs and putting lives in danger. In fact, roads in terrible condition have forced Texas drivers to pay over \$700 in extra costs each year. Since 2011, Texans have seen their commute increase to about half an hour because our roads haven't kept up with our growth.

In that same time, Texans were hit with 60 extreme weather events that cost taxpayers over \$200 billion. More than that, crumbling infrastructure has taken the lives of thousands in our great State. Just this February our electric grid nearly collapsed, and over 200 people—many of them seniors—froze to death in their homes.

We are past due in the work to improve our State's infrastructure. That is why I am proud to have voted for this jobs bill and for all of the investments coming to Texas.

The bill that we passed is over \$3.5 billion to weatherize our grid and prepare it for future crises. We also invest \$27 billion in our State's highways and bridges. We will also get \$3 billion to bring safe, clean water to every Texan, especially in our rural communities. This is not small potatoes.

We know how dangerous lead pipes are for growing children. Lead contamination can cause developmental problems, mental health issues, and serious medical emergencies. Because of this funding, we can remove lead pipes from Texas schools and ensure that every child can drink clean, safe water.

Thanks to all of these investments, Texans will have safer commutes, cleaner water, and lower bills for reliable electricity.

But this law does not solve just today's problems. It prepares us for tomorrow's opportunities. Thanks to this law, Texas will receive nearly half a billion dollars to expand the electric vehicle charging network. We will also receive over \$1 billion to improve our State's airports which are some of the Nation's busiest. We can also expect over \$100 million to bring internet access to 1 million Texans who currently lack it. This is especially important to rural Texans like my sister who has to drive all the way into town to get to the library to access the internet.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to solve these problems and create jobs for our community. That is what this law is going to do. The bill will create thousands of jobs in my State from construction

workers and laborers to engineers and scientists, and all of these are good-paying jobs. For every mile of road that is repaved from Houston to El Paso, we will be supporting roadway workers and construction workers. For every electrical line that is repaired to be more reliable in the cold, we will be supporting electricians and engineers. And for every lead pipe that is replaced to keep our children safe, we will be supporting plumbers, laborers, and other workers.

Altogether, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is just about that: rebuilding our infrastructure, investing in the future, and bringing jobs, jobs, jobs to our communities.

I am looking forward to seeing these projects come together in my home State, and I am grateful for the leadership of our President and this Congress in making sure that this can get to all communities in our country.

Together we will truly build back better for Texas.

HISTORIC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Mrs. TRAHAN) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Build Back Better Act.

Together with the historic infrastructure investments signed into law by President Biden earlier this week, working families like the one I grew up in will be able to get back on their feet and succeed in an economy that finally works for them.

Now, I have talked about my childhood on the floor of the people's House before. My dad was a union ironworker, and like his union brothers and sisters have done for decades, he worked long, hard hours to provide for my three sisters and me. When there wasn't work for him at home in Massachusetts, he would travel out of State erecting bridges and buildings in New York, Maine, and other places, sometimes for months at a time.

As a first generation American, a union job with benefits was better than most had, and it is certainly the reason I am standing here today. But the demands of my dad's job placed limitations on what my mom could do for work. Despite the wages and benefits secured by his union, my parents couldn't afford childcare for four girls. So my mom picked up jobs where she could to help make ends meet. Whether it was clerical work, cleaning homes, hostessing, or caring for kids, she did anything and everything possible to pay the bills while also making sure she was home to care for us when my dad was away.

Here is the thing: My family's story is not unique, not in the slightest. In fact, it is a story shared by millions of working families across our country who show up to work each day but

don't have the support they need to get ahead.

My mom's story is one that is shared by millions of working moms who want nothing more than to return to work and support their families but can't because the math doesn't work, giving them no choice but to stay at home and care for their families instead.

Mr. Speaker, under President Biden's leadership we are going to flip that script.

The infrastructure package he signed into law earlier this week will create millions of jobs with family sustaining wages and benefits by repairing our roads, our bridges, our water systems, and more.

But creating millions of jobs only works if workers are ready to fill them. That is why we are also working to pass the Build Back Better Act which will make unprecedented investments in working families. Families that continue to be the backbone of our country that we all have the honor of representing.

By expanding access to quality childcare, providing paid family and medical leave, establishing universal pre-K, and making home care affordable for our seniors, this legislation will propel parents—especially our working moms—back into the workforce and full participation in our economy.

By lowering healthcare costs and driving down prescription drug prices, the Build Back Better Act will ensure that families no longer have to choose between their health and their ability to put food on the table. By cutting taxes for low-income and middle-class Americans and extending the child tax credit payment that has served as a lifeline for so many, this package will keep money in families' pockets.

Passage of the Build Back Better Act will ensure that no one is left behind as we defeat COVID and rebuild our economy. That is why these provisions are supported by an overwhelming majority of Americans—Democrats, Republicans and Independents alike. Like President Biden, they recognize that when we invest in working families, America wins.

Now, if my colleagues on the other side of the aisle need to hear more about why they should support this bill, please let me know. My mom, Linda Loureiro, is happy to call you and tell you what the Build Back Better Act would have done for her and moms like yours 40 years ago and why we need to get it done for her children and her grandchildren today.

NATIONAL APPRENTICE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle who believe that the Build Back Better Act is going to make this country bet-

ter are trying to sell snake oil to the American people. There is an old saying, Mr. Speaker: You can fool some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

Frankly, the American people—some of them—have seen the light, and they understand that Build Back Better is going to bankrupt this country and that is not the way most Americans want to go. So we will see if the people who vote for Build Back Better have the real support of the American people next year if that bill passes.

Mr. Speaker, this is National Apprenticeship Week, and it is fitting that as the lead Republican on the Education and Labor Committee that we talk about the importance of apprenticeships.

As we know, apprenticeships have been around since the beginning of time and they have been much more used in other countries. They were much used in our country for a long, long time. Then the numbers of them decreased. However, in recent years more and more Americans have found that apprenticeship programs are an effective option to help achieve their career goals.

I have had people in my family go through apprenticeship programs, and I know for a fact how valuable they are. These earn-and-learn programs offer students and workers a viable path toward the American Dream, and it is very fitting that we should celebrate National Apprenticeship Week and highlight the apprenticeship programs across the country.

However, unfortunately, the Biden administration is proposing to end the program dedicated to expanding apprenticeships, cutting off this important pathway to sustainable and rewarding careers. By ending Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs, or IRAP, President Biden is hurting workers and businesses nationwide. This decision moves our country backward and will keep many Americans from being able to prepare for their future.

Instead of ending IRAPs, we should be working to inject innovation and flexibility into the apprenticeship model so that more Americans can get back to work and achieve the American Dream, no putting roadblocks in their way. Unfortunately, it is becoming more and more clear with every action of the Biden administration that the American worker is always going to take a backseat in President Biden's America.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 43 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Keep us alert, O God, in body, mind, and spirit, that in all that the day presents, we would remain attentive and faithful to the calling to which You have called each of us.

Give strength to those among us whose bodies are burdened with the strain of long hours of weighty work, miles of travel to stay connected with constituents, or the vestiges of illness or injury.

Give inspiration to those whose minds are wrought with innumerable issues for which they are held accountable, facts and figures and derivative impacts that confound reason and tax the brain.

Give respite to those whose spirits are weary from the challenges to their integrity, misgivings of their sense of purpose, and threats to their moral and ethical underpinnings.

In You, O Lord, we find our strength, our inspiration, and our respite. May we turn to You throughout this day that we would find all that we need to remain steadfast and faithful in our service to You and to this Nation.

In the power of Your name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PRIORITIZING LOCAL HIRES

(Ms. BASS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,

which includes a local hire provision that I offered to allow local transportation projects like the Los Angeles Metro to prioritize the hiring of local Angelenos for projects that are taking place in their own backyard.

My district has recently had two major construction projects. On the Westside, it is the Purple Line, which is going to connect UCLA to downtown L.A. In South L.A., it is the Crenshaw Line, which is going to bring a vital means of public transportation to neighborhoods historically neglected when it comes to economic investment.

It really didn't make sense that people living in the neighborhoods where the projects were going through could not be prioritized for the jobs. That is why this provision is so important.

With the local hire provision signed into law, people in Los Angeles neighborhoods can be prioritized for jobs in L.A. We are bringing thousands of well-paying jobs to Los Angeles and putting tax dollars back into the communities that paid for the projects in the first place.

THREAT TAGS

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, being a parent is a sacred responsibility, and every parent simply wants what is best for their kids. That is why, over the past year, we saw parents speak up at local school board meetings all across the country.

Whether it was pushing back against the radical teachings of critical race theory or voicing their opposition to mask mandates or allowing boys in girls' bathrooms, parents were standing up for their kids.

However, the National School Board Association deemed people exercising their First Amendment rights as domestic terrorists, and the Department of Justice used this narrative to launch investigations into parents.

Now we are learning from a whistleblower that the FBI was using antiterror tools to monitor parents and adding threat tags to files to track them. This is absurd. We should never criminalize parents for speaking up for their children.

To make matters worse, we now know the Attorney General lied under oath when he said there was no coordination between the DOJ and the National School Board Association. This administration has weaponized the DOJ for political gain and has chosen to stand with teachers unions over parents and students.

These actions are tyrannical, and Congress must know the extent to which parents were spied on.

BUILD BACK BETTER AGENDA
PUTS FAMILIES FIRST

(Ms. SEWELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to vote in favor of President Biden's historic Build Back Better agenda.

Already, congressional Democrats have come together to pass part one of the Build Back Better agenda. The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is the largest investment in United States infrastructure in nearly a century, and it will benefit my State of Alabama in so many ways.

It will provide \$5.2 billion to repair Alabama's roads, \$225 million to fix Alabama's bridges, and \$100 million to connect every Alabamian to high-speed internet.

Now we have the opportunity to pass part two, the Build Back Better Act. That, too, will invest in Alabama by creating millions of good-paying jobs; providing affordable childcare for over 300,000 Alabamians; lowering healthcare costs for families, including 300,000 Alabamians who fall into the Medicaid coverage gap; and delivering universal pre-K to over 110,000 Alabama 3- and 4-year-olds.

As co-chair of the Ways and Means Racial Equity Initiative, I have fought to ensure that equity remains a central focus, and I am proud that these bills will uplift our most vulnerable communities in so many transformative ways.

It is fully paid for. I ask my colleagues to vote in favor of the Build Back Better Act.

BIDEN INFLATION CRISIS

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Biden inflation crisis has hit the poor and middle-income families the hardest.

Inflation just reached a 30-year high, and consumer prices have increased to an astonishing 6.2 percent compared to 12 months ago. This has serious impacts on hardworking families as they try to make ends meet and prepare for the holiday season.

Are you planning on buying a 16-pound turkey? Be prepared to pay 18 percent more this year. That does not even include the stuffing.

Are you planning on driving to visit family for the holidays? Plan on paying 61 percent more in gas prices than last year.

Instead of taking action to rein in wasteful government spending and address rising costs, the White House is claiming a vote for the Build Back Better plan will solve the inflation crisis, which is a complete lie any way you look at it.

Their socialist spending plan will add more fuel to the inflation crisis and worsen their self-made supply chain crisis.

It is no wonder a majority of Americans disapprove of President Biden's handling of the economy, and it gets worse every single day.

Americans cannot afford to fund the Democrats' liberal wish list, and it is

time that Washington bureaucrats take real action to get back to fiscal responsibility and save our country.

In God we trust.

INVESTING IN BROADBAND IS ESSENTIAL

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, high-quality, high-speed broadband is essential in today's interconnected and interdependent world. Underserved communities throughout America need internet access for education, transportation, and healthcare services and to realize the full potential of all of our citizens.

The American Rescue Plan provides money, lots of money, for State and local governments to expand broadband. The bipartisan infrastructure law builds on that effort by making a \$65 billion investment in broadband.

Madam Speaker, I urge the Federal Government and local governments in western New York to move quickly and effectively to ensure everyone can realize their full potential with access to quality, high-speed broadband.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ROBERT LARSON

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of one of my constituents, Robert Larson, and congratulate him on his retirement.

For 27 years, Bob served as commissioner of the Port of Benton and has dedicated himself to serving his neighbors and his community.

Thanks to Bob's efforts, the U.S. Navy and the Port of Benton were able to partner to bring a section of the USS *Triton* submarine to Richland in honor of veterans who served in Navy submarines.

From strengthening local supply chains to preserving the history of the Hanford Site and so much more, Bob's contributions to the Port of Benton, the greater Tri-Cities, the State of Washington, and our country are a true testament to his spirit of service.

As a lifelong Washingtonian, on behalf of the people of the Fourth Congressional District, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Bob for his decades of public service and wish him all the best in retirement.

OIL COMPANIES' COSTS GO DOWN WHILE FUEL PRICES GO UP

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I am upset about inflation. As our economy

reopens and demand surges, big corporations have taken advantage. They have squeezed consumers for profit and raised costs on everyday Americans.

Corporate greed is a primary reason why costs for American businesses and families have gone up. I will give you one example.

The cost of refining oil has gone down, yet gas prices went up. Let me repeat that again. The costs to oil companies have gone down, and fuel prices went up.

That is why I am joining President Biden in calling on the Federal Trade Commission to investigate whether oil and gas companies are engaging in anticompetitive or potentially illegal behavior to jack up your gas prices.

REJECT CRADLE-TO-GRAVE SOCIALISM

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, shortly, this body will begin debating the most radical and expensive spending bill in our Nation's history.

Shockingly, Democrats are intent on moving forward without the CBO's final cost analysis. But independent estimates put the bill's price tag around \$4 trillion, twice what Democrats claim. This level of reckless and unpaid-for spending is unsustainable.

On top of that, the problematic provisions in this bill are a mile long. It will heighten the border crisis, undermine American energy, and worsen the inflation crisis. It will raise taxes on hardworking families and calls for hiring 87,000 new IRS agents.

Unbelievably, one of the biggest parts of this bill is a special tax break for the wealthy. The list of problems goes on and on, but the bottom line is this massive bill represents cradle-to-grave socialism. That is not what America stands for.

Madam Speaker, please join me and reject this radical legislation.

HONORING DONALD L. HARRIS

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise a great man from my district after his passing recently. Donald Harris was a developer with a conscience, a visionary, a dreamer, a thinker. He helped rebuild Newark and created housing projects in areas that needed redevelopment.

His housing projects were more than just buildings. Mr. Harris used them to educate new residents on proper homeownership and how to move forward in this economy to sustain their lives. He made sure his projects created more opportunities for African Americans and other minorities. That is why he earned the Golden Broom Award for improving Newark's quality of life.

He was a man whose faith guided him to help those in need. He was an example for all of us to follow.

Madam Speaker, I am here to honor Donald Laverne Harris for a life well lived.

REQUESTING RESPONSE ON CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, last month, I led the California Republican delegation in a letter to Secretary of the Interior Haaland and Secretary of Commerce Raimondo regarding the reinitiation of consultation on the 2019 biological opinions for the long-term operations of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project.

Despite our request for a response, we did not receive an answer by the set deadline. This issue is critical to my constituents in the Central Valley. Failure to provide answers to our urgent questions is unacceptable.

This week, I led another letter to Secretaries Haaland and Raimondo. Once again, we are demanding answers regarding the administration's antiscience decision, which threatens the livelihoods of Central Valley farmers and families.

Madam Speaker, my colleagues and I will not back down, and I urgently request attention and response to this issue.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF RANDY ROSENBAUM

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of an extraordinary Rhode Islander, my friend Randy Rosenbaum.

For 27 years, Randy has served as the executive director of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, where he helped Rhode Island artists to share their gifts and talents with the rest of the world.

From the up-and-coming artist to the well-established, the young artists to the old, Randy lifted up the work of a diverse, new generation of Rhode Island artists.

To put it simply, he is to the Rhode Island arts community what the smile is to the Mona Lisa.

Randy has left an indelible mark on the Rhode Island arts scene, increasing RISCA funding ninefold, putting the Ocean State on the map as a film location, and supporting Rhode Island's \$2 billion arts economy.

Randy's leadership, now that he is retiring after 30 years at the helm of RISCA, will surely be missed, but his legacy lives on through his countless accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Randy on his retirement, and I wish him all the best in his next chapter.

□ 1215

BIDEN INFLATION THANKSGIVING
TAX

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Thanksgiving 2021 will be the most expensive meal in the history of the holiday. You pay with Biden inflation, build back bankrupt. A typical meal will cost more than ever.

The Aiken Standard newspaper cartoon today is correct. Some specific price increases include turkey up 27 percent, carrots up 47 percent, potatoes 13 percent, and cranberries up 5.2 percent, in addition to gas up 61 percent and home heating bills up 54 percent.

These are brutal realities for families as we celebrate being an American with Thanksgiving.

Democrat elite think they are smarter than anyone, and they think Democrat voters are ignorant to believe \$5 trillion in spending costs zero dollars. You pay with Biden inflation.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism as it continues moving from the Afghanistan haven to America.

Congratulations to the mayor-elect of Columbia, Republican Daniel Rickenmann, who is the first Republican in 40 years for the capital city elected yesterday.

EASING INFLATION

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, contrary to the remarks from my friend from South Carolina, leading economists in this country say that the Build Back Better bill will help on inflation. It will ease inflationary measures. It is important that we pass the Build Back Better bill if we are going to deal with inflation.

Build Back Better, the Reuters Agency says Biden's spending plan will not add to inflationary pressure.

Mark Zandi, the chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said, "The bills do not add to inflation pressures, as the policies help to lift long-term economic growth via stronger productivity and labor force growth, and thus take the edge off of inflation."

Madam Speaker, 17 Nobel Prize winners in economics have already stated they believe the Build Back Better bill will ease longer term inflationary pressures.

So it is not an inflation problem. In fact, by passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we make it easier for people to get to work and for goods to get to market. Improving our ports, our airports with cargo, our highways, and our rail, all of those things, make it easier for us to work against inflation and to get goods to market and improve the economy.

So we should pass Build Back Better, and hurray Biden.

RAISE THE FLAG OF FREEDOM

(Mr. CAWTHORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, the Halls of this hallowed Republic have become darkened with the smut and filth of corrupted justice.

Imagine: a predawn raid. Waking from a dead sleep in sheer terror to men with guns screaming and searching furiously for damning evidence against their authoritarian master.

This horrifying vision is not pulled from the pages of some graphic novel. This was last week's headlines.

A dedicated group of whistleblowing journalists, including James O'Keefe, faced illegal raids by the FBI to confiscate personal cellphones and crucial documents that incriminate tyrant Joe Biden.

Madam Speaker, why do you sit in silence while the White House's secret police round up dissenters?

Why do you sit in silence while diligent journalists face harassment at the hands of left-wing enforcers?

There is no greater tyranny than that which is perpetrated under the shield of law and in the name of justice. The flag of freedom lies in tatters when liberty is crushed beneath the heavy hand of a totalitarian regime.

Hear my message loud and clear: The American people will raise that flag of freedom, and it will fly high again very soon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HOLD MEMBERS ACCOUNTABLE
FOR VIOLENT SPEECH

(Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the House resolution calling for the immediate censure of Representative PAUL GOSAR. Posting an edited video on social media depicting violence against another Member of this body is reprehensible.

Make no mistakes, violent speech breeds violent actions. On my third day of Congress, I learned exactly how dangerous words of leaders in this country can be. Allowing this type of dangerous messaging to go unchecked puts all of our lives at risk. Following the January 6 attacks, my family had to get security for our safety. I never imagined having to drop my kindergartner off at school with security in tow.

This routine brand of violence against women in politics is a direct attempt to silence us. We can hold different opinions and disagree, but violent hate speech is unacceptable in any party. Leaders in Congress must be held accountable for their actions.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this basic standard of conduct and join me in holding my colleague accountable.

CATTLE MARKET INTEGRITY

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, our Nation's cattle ranchers are going bankrupt and yet, the price of beef remains expensive and continues to rise.

The price disparities between live cattle prices and wholesale beef rise in tandem with historic levels of consolidation in the meat packing sector and minimal levels of competition in the marketplace.

My colleagues and I, along with cattle producers nationwide, are asking for action to strengthen the integrity of the cattle market and are requesting an update on the Department of Justice's investigation into the four largest meatpackers in the United States. We must determine if any manipulation, collusion, or other illegal activity may be occurring in order to ensure market transparency.

It is vital for the continuation of the American beef industry that market manipulation is identified. We must stand with our farmers and ranchers for fair, competitive, and free market business practices.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE
BILL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, there was such exhilaration across the Nation as Democrats came together last week and moved forward on the bipartisan infrastructure bill with their vote and to catapult forward the build back America bill as well.

Let me say how happy my constituents are for the \$2.3 billion that will clean the water of old schools, homes, and apartments. This is something that we all fought together for.

But I am excited about the future of this week passing BBB because I fought to reinsert the family medical leave and as well to ensure that all of us have an opportunity to have healthcare across America; Texas being the poster child for the uninsured. Madam Speaker, 766,000 will get insurance now because of the Build Back Better Act.

There is breaking news, and the breaking news is inflation is not caused by the Build Back Better or the bipartisan bill. It is caused by corporate greed; they put the price on goods.

But, Madam Speaker, with the work of the Biden administration and Democrats in Congress, we are going to see the economy drive for all of America, inflation no more.

COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES

(Mr. HUIZENGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a symbol of true bilateral relations and collaboration between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States.

One hundred years ago, a group of Dutch Americans, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, established the Netherlands-America Foundation. The creation of this foundation, commonly known as NAF, has spurred innovation and cooperation between our two nations through engagement with the arts, business, and public policy.

NAF works alongside the Caucus on the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which I am proud to co-chair, to strengthen the existing relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The Dutch-American network has established deep connections throughout both of our nations, which is evident by the many NAF chapters spread from coast to coast here in the United States, including in my home area of west Michigan, as well as the Netherlands.

One of the greatest examples of exchanges between our nations is the prestigious NAF-Fulbright Fellowships that enable the foundation to offer awards to Dutch and American scholars pursuing graduate study degrees.

I am honored to recognize the Netherlands-America Foundation and its 100-year record of success in celebrating our shared heritage and enhancing our cultural exchange. These strong bonds will continue to build on our past successes and develop a more prosperous and mutually beneficial relationship in the future.

BOLSTERING OUR NATION'S CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, since day one, Democrats have diligently worked with the Biden administration to bolster our economy and rebuild our Nation's crumbling infrastructure.

Earlier this month Democrats delivered on their promise to the American people by passing the bipartisan Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act. The need for this historic investment in our roads and bridges and public transit and rail systems is clear in every State and every community throughout our country.

Democrats not only delivered one of the largest Federal investments in our Nation's infrastructure, but we are delivering access to broadband and high-speed internet, and we are delivering clean and reliable drinking water to America's families.

The bipartisanship infrastructure deal makes bold investments in our future by creating good-paying American jobs, fighting back against the climate crisis, and rebuilding our economy from the middle out.

We must continue to build on this success—ensuring our democracy delivers for the people—by passing President Biden's transformative Build Back Better Act.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 17, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 17, 2021, at 11:22 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable Joseph Maxwell Cleland former United States Senator from the State of Georgia—S. Res. 451.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,

Clerk.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 789, CENSURING REPRESENTATIVE PAUL GOSAR

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 795 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 795

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 789) censuring Representative Paul Gosar. The amendment to the resolution printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble, as amended, to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ethics or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Pennsylvania is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE), who is the distinguished ranking member of the Rules Committee, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, yesterday the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 795, providing for consideration of H. Res. 789, Censuring Representative PAUL GOSAR, under a closed rule. The rule self-executes a manager's amendment from Chairman DEUTCH and provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ethics or their respective designees.

□ 1230

Madam Speaker, in any other Congress, the actions of Representative PAUL GOSAR might be easier to dismiss. After all, every single minute of every single day, 5,000 minutes of content are uploaded onto YouTube.

So my colleagues across the aisle or the public might ask, who cares about one YouTube video post by Representative GOSAR? He is just one of many Americans posting his fantasies online, even if his involve a violent scene in which he attacks and murders people that he has labeled as enemies of the American people, a colleague in Congress, and the President of the United States.

But it is just an anime video, so it is not a big deal, right?

Actually, it is a big deal. And here is why: People listen to PAUL GOSAR. He is an elected official; and that gives him credibility, whether justified or not. So while there are indeed 5,000 minutes of content uploaded every single minute of every single day, Mr. GOSAR's video got real attention, just as he intended.

American citizens stopped what they were doing to watch something that a Member of the U.S. Congress had fashioned. He posted it on his official Congressional social media, where he has hundreds of thousands of followers, and where the video was viewed over 3 million times.

And what he posted was violence; fantasized violence. A wish made in a very specific way.

As I said, in any other decade, or any other Congress, this public endorsement of violence by a Member of Congress might have been excused as a lapse in judgment, or even possibly a bad joke.

But this Congress knows what happens when members of the radical right get stirred up by their leaders.

Just a few months ago, this Congress had to hide in safe rooms under the protection of police and soldiers, or barricade ourselves in our offices because our place of work was overwhelmed by armed citizens who wanted to hang some of us.

This Congress has seen threats against Members of Congress more than double, forcing Members to pay for additional security for their homes, offices, and families; rethink how to engage with constituents; and even wear bulletproof vests to public events.

So when a Member of this Congress fantasizes in public about beheading another Member of Congress, it is not fantasy to think that there are Americans out there who will take such a video as a call to action.

A recent poll reported that 85 percent of Americans get their news from Facebook, while only 13 percent of Americans get their news from print. Are we really to believe that during this moment in time, that among that 85 percent, there are no Americans who will see this video and indulge in fantasies of their own?

Every single day Members of this body receive death threats. I have gotten them. We all have. Our staffs and families have to deal with abusive and violent phone calls, emails, letters, and social media posts. And these threats are particularly numerous and violent for Members who are women of color.

So every day we have to deal with the threat that somewhere out there is a radicalized American who has been taught to hate us, to regard us as evil, to fantasize, and even mobilize using that same social media, to eliminate us, taught by conspiracy theorists and far-right extremists; or by a fellow Member of Congress.

That is not imagination; that is fact.

In any other context, and especially in any other workplace, someone posting a video of himself killing a co-worker would not be acceptable, and an employee who did that would almost certainly be fired.

In any other context, and especially in a school, a student using school resources to post a video of himself beheading a classmate and attacking a school official would not be acceptable, and that student would face disciplinary charges, if not criminal charges, and would likely be referred for a mental health evaluation.

But for the privileges traditionally afforded to Members of Congress, in any other context, someone posting a video of himself killing a Member of Congress and attacking the President of the United States would almost certainly be reported to the Secret Service and U.S. Capitol Police.

We must condemn this celebration of political violence because, in addition to upholding the honor and integrity of the U.S. Congress, every Member of this body deserves to come to work and feel safe. That is true for any worker in any part of this country.

It is unacceptable that our colleague would have to sit across from someone who has threatened her life in such a vivid way, and it is unacceptable for this body to let that action go unpunished.

This is the House of Representatives of the United States Congress. We are

all elected to be the leaders of this great country, and with that role comes immense responsibilities. People look up to us, they take our lead.

So when a Member posts a video of himself killing his colleague, that is obviously going to have an impact on the way people approach their politics.

So we cannot dismiss Representative GOSAR's violent fantasies as a joke because, in this decade, in this America, someone is going to take him seriously. He is a public figure and, as we vividly saw on January 6, the words and actions of public figures can readily act as a spark to the tinder of radical extremism. And God help us all when that happens.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON), my friend, for yielding me the customary 30 minutes.

Madam Speaker, today's rule covers one item, a resolution censuring Representative PAUL GOSAR for a video posted on his official Twitter account last week, and removing him from his seat on the Committees on Oversight and Reform and Natural Resources.

Madam Speaker, today's action, once again, tramples on the traditional norms of the House; the idea that the majority and the minority have the right to appoint their own members to committees as they see fit. It sets a dangerous and disturbing precedent that will likely change the character of the House in the years to come, and not for the better.

And the majority is doing so solely to play politics with this moment and to score a cheap political point at the expense of a Member of the minority.

But before I go into all of that, I do think it is important to lay out the sequence of events that occurred here, since I believe they are instructive.

Last week, Representative GOSAR posted a video on his official Twitter account. This video was certainly provocative and, in my opinion, inappropriate.

Upon being informed of the video's existence, Leader MCCARTHY immediately took action and called Congressman GOSAR, conveying the message that this video was inappropriate. After that conversation, Congressman GOSAR took the video down and issued a statement explaining and clarifying its meaning, and stating that he certainly didn't approve of violence against any person.

Yesterday, Congressman GOSAR took the additional step of appearing before the Republican Conference to further explain his actions. He described that his intention was for a depiction in the video to be symbolic of the policies he opposes, not actual people. He clarified that he did not intend it to be an endorsement of violence and, further, that he does not condone violence.

But not content with his admission to a lapse in judgment, last night the

majority made the decision to convene the Rules Committee on short notice to consider a resolution censuring Representative GOSAR and removing him from his committee assignments. In doing so, the majority is acting in clear contrast to the existing precedent throughout the history of this institution; a precedent the majority has taken multiple deliberate steps to weaken in this Congress.

Throughout the history of the House of Representatives, the majority and the minority have respected the right of each of their conferences to assign their respective members to committees. The decision about whether to seat a member on a committee, or to remove a member from a committee, traditionally rests with the respective conferences.

Early this year, the majority took two actions to go against that tradition. First, the majority voted to remove a Republican Member of Congress from her committee assignments.

Second, the Speaker unilaterally refused to appoint two of Leader MCCARTHY's choices to be Republican members on the Select Committee on the January 6 attack and, instead, appointed Republicans she wanted on the committee. Both of these actions are in stark contrast to the norms and traditions of the House of Representatives.

Today, the majority is taking a third such action. This continues to set an extremely dangerous precedent for the future of the institution. In future years, the precedent may be used to give the majority veto power over the minority's committee assignments. That is a slippery slope for the institution to go down.

But to make matters worse, in acting today, the majority is setting a standard for Members of the minority that it does not set for itself. There have been plenty of instances of Members on the majority side using intemperate language, making statements that directly or could be construed as endorsing violence or taking controversial or inappropriate actions; yet, the majority has yet to act to remove one of its own members from their committee assignments.

This is a classic case of the old adage: "Rules for thee but not for me." That is deeply frustrating.

Madam Speaker, if action is truly necessary today, then there are two other options for addressing Representative GOSAR's actions than what the majority is proposing. First, the majority can and should leave the matter up to Leader MCCARTHY and the Republican Conference. Indeed, this was the topic of discussion at yesterday's Republican Conference meeting and, historically, neither Leader MCCARTHY nor the Republican Conference has shied away from disciplining Members.

Second, the House also has the option of referring Representative GOSAR to the Ethics Committee. This is also an appropriate course of action, particularly if the majority believes that

a violation of the Code of Ethics has occurred. Such a referral would give the bipartisan Ethics Committee the time to review the matter, allow Representative GOSAR to present his arguments, and give the committee the chance to make appropriate recommendations.

But once again, the majority is rushing forward with a resolution to strip a Republican member of a committee assignment without giving either of these two appropriate venues a chance to resolve the matter. In doing so, they are playing politics in the worst way, rushing to condemn a Republican Member for actions for which he has already sought to address.

It is disturbing to note the surprise on my Democratic colleagues' faces last night at the Rules Committee when I referenced the public statement Congressman GOSAR released after removing the video. They didn't seem to know about it. I think they are condemning his actions and didn't even know that he had already taken corrective action.

That goes to show, frankly, that we have not taken the appropriate care in looking at this matter, and certainly not given Representative GOSAR the opportunity to address it.

Madam Speaker, I urge opposition to the rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would have to agree with my learned colleague that these are unusual actions, but these are also unusual times. Every time we have seen a new low in conduct from our colleagues across the aisle, we get crickets or excuses from the Republican Party. Indeed, it took 9 days before the minority leader publicly spoke about this threat; and his silence spoke volumes, both to the American people and those who were paying attention to Mr. GOSAR's post.

Instead, we have heard multiple reports that our colleagues are considering punishing their colleagues who voted for the bipartisan infrastructure package. I think that speaks volumes about where their priorities lie.

We will continue to see Members emboldened by the lack of accountability engaging in evermore outrageous conduct, placing both the integrity of Congress and the safety of its Members at risk.

While Mr. GOSAR has since taken down his post, he has not apologized. In fact, he said publicly on TV that he does not apologize. He has doubled down on his decision to post the video saying, the cartoon exposes the threats to America. It doesn't make a threat to anyone.

I would have to disagree with his assessment.

As to the claim that there hasn't been enough of a process, that this should have gone to the Ethics Committee; I will remind my colleagues

that we heard in the Rules Committee last night that the majority requested an emergency meeting of the Ethics Committee, which the minority denied.

And this isn't a case where there are facts to discover. The actions of Representative GOSAR were not hidden for an investigatory body to discover. His misconduct was paid for and produced with public resources and posted on an official public Twitter account, where it got more than 3 million views before it was taken down.

There is no dispute about whether Representative GOSAR posted the reprehensible video depicting the murder of one of his colleagues on his official channels. And the Republican Conference has had 2 weeks to decide to take action and hold him accountable. Instead, they are debating whether to punish their colleagues for voting for infrastructure for the American people.

So we have said that—it actually just strikes me as odd that our colleagues would argue that this forms a harmful precedent, and that the threat of violence or murder in the future might be cause to censure and strip members of their committees. If that is the case, then sign me up because I do think that is reprehensible and deserves censure.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY), the distinguished chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the rule and in support of the underlying resolution, H. Res. 789. This is an extraordinary measure, and I do not support it lightly.

As chair of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, I support and defend the rights of all committee members to express their views, even if I disagree with them. But the honest exchange of ideas cannot happen when one committee member promotes violence against another.

No other workplace in America would tolerate such dangerous conduct, and neither should the House of Representatives.

What Representative GOSAR did is both despicable and beneath the office he holds. But make no mistake about it: Promoting political violence has real consequences.

Many of our colleagues, including myself, and the Capitol Police have received credible death threats.

Rejecting violence should not be a partisan issue. I call on my Republican colleagues to join us today in demanding accountability for those who promote it.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume simply to make a couple of quick points to some of my friends' concerns.

First of all, nobody has had 2 weeks to act. This incident occurred less than 2 weeks ago, and we were in recess last

week. So let's focus on the here and now.

I may be mistaken about this, but I don't think we have kept the Ethics Committee from meeting about this. Quite the opposite, we wish they had.

The chairman did say he would put in a request for an emergency meeting. The reality is, the majority moved ahead, I think, before that could happen. That process, I think, would have been the appropriate one to follow or an appropriate one to follow in this case.

So, I just simply posit those things for the record.

Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GAETZ).

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I oppose political violence in all forms, regardless of the politics of the target.

I am no expert on Japanese anime, but I am told, and I do believe, that it is not real. What is real is the crisis on our border, the inflation crushing American families, unvetted Afghans in our country. What is definitely real is the violence that burned our cities and harmed our businesses in the summer of 2020, often encouraged by Democrats in Congress.

Anime is fiction to the point of the absurd. It is not really my thing, and it does glorify violence, but often to symbolize conflict, not realistic harm to another person.

In the last session week we had, we reviewed Steve Bannon's podcast. Today, we are critiquing PAUL GOSAR's anime. Next week, we might be indicting Wile E. Coyote for an explosive ordinance against Road Runner.

If you don't like PAUL GOSAR's tweets, tweet back at him. We know there are plenty of folks in Big Tech who will amplify your message.

The gentlewoman from Pennsylvania gave the game away. This really isn't about a tweet. It is about removing a powerful conservative, PAUL GOSAR, from the Committee on Oversight and Reform. It is about characterizing conservatives as threats to the country, dangerous, because despite the majority's references to the Biden infrastructure bill, they have received no bump from it. The American people are not really into the infrastructure bill, and so we are here reviewing mean tweets.

All of us in Congress—I shouldn't say all of us. Some of us have regretted things we have tweeted. I know I have. When we say uncouth things, we should resolve that. Congressman GOSAR removed the tweet, and I hope he regrets it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I would say I have regretted things I have tweeted. I hope that people who tweeted in support of violence in the summer of 2020 regret those tweets. I am not sure if they do or not.

I would just suggest we have better things to do on the floor of the House of Representatives than be the hall monitors for Twitter.

If we got a thousand Americans, in almost any district in America, and asked what was troubling them, I don't know that we would find two in any district that would put PAUL GOSAR on the list of things that matter to them more than the issues that they face at their kitchen table.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, is there a high school or a workplace in America that would do nothing if a student or a worker posted violently threatening material against a fellow student or a colleague? Please show it to me, if so.

Last month, a high school student in Michigan made threatening statements about a specific classmate. He was arrested.

In Boulder, Colorado, several high school students were expelled for posting violently threatening material online.

Last month, in Chicago, a firefighter was fired for his threatening social media posts, including a cartoon of someone running someone else over in a car.

A woman in Pennsylvania who made violent threats against a colleague on Facebook was fired, and the State court found she was ineligible for unemployment compensation because her violently threatening speech online constituted willful misconduct.

It is remarkable to me, Madam Speaker, that we have colleagues who think we should do nothing in the face of a Member of the United States House of Representatives who posts an animated cartoon video of him killing a colleague.

Congressman GOSAR is 62. Congresswoman ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ is 32.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to consider a resolution that would add a new House rule stating that any resolution proposing to remove a Member from a committee assignment shall not be in order unless offered by, or with the concurrence of, the leader of the party of the Member that is the subject of the resolution.

Madam Speaker, my amendment would reinforce the longstanding norm of basic fairness that today's resolution does not comply with. Throughout the entire history of the House of Representatives, it has been an unwritten rule, or norm of conduct, that one party does not attempt to exercise a veto over the other party's committee assignments. The reasons for this are obvious. It protects the operations of the institution and ensures that politically motivated attempts to remove

Members from committees do not happen.

But the majority's actions, both today and earlier this Congress, threaten that norm and threaten to set off a new round of escalating partisan punishment anytime the majority changes hands. Establishing this as a written rule of the House would ensure that no Member ever faces this kind of partisan retribution again.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD the text of my amendment, along with the extraneous material, immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, like the distinguished gentleman from Oklahoma, I, too, long for the times when the norms of civilized conduct in this House were observed. When, perhaps, our colleagues across the aisle can return to those norms, then motions and resolutions like the one we are considering today will not be necessary.

Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE).

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to condemn the actions of Representative PAUL GOSAR of Arizona and support this resolution.

There have been many times when I have stood on this floor and disagreed with my Republican colleagues. At times, I have done so with passion. But I have never supported or promoted violence against any of them. The vast majority of my colleagues, Republican and Democrat, have shown that they feel the same way.

We know that there is a line that cannot be crossed when it comes to how we refer to our political rivals, and Representative GOSAR has crossed that line. He crossed it when he created a video that depicts attacking President Joe Biden and killing Representative ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ.

This behavior is unacceptable from any Member of Congress. It would not be tolerated in any workplace in the country, and it should not be tolerated here.

That is why we must censure Representative GOSAR and remove him from his committees. We must show the country that inappropriate actions, like his video, have consequences. We must remind all Members that there is a certain decorum to how we treat each other that must be respected at all times. We must show the country that we can debate as Democrats and Republicans but still respect each other as Americans.

Madam Speaker, I heard the gentleman from Florida mention Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner. Yes, it is true that they are cartoons, but nei-

ther one of them can pick up a gun. Congressman GOSAR can.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, this is a very troubling moment in our history.

After the rule is passed, you will see other Members come to the floor to continue this debate.

I thought I would start out by holding up a most precious document, and that is the Constitution of the United States of America. I often get chills when I read its Preamble, which indicates that the body of people who started this Nation organized to create a more perfect Union.

I love to hear those words because what it suggests is that we wanted to be the standard-bearer for what is best and better in the world. We wanted to cease conflict. We wanted to be the defenders of peace. And even with the original sin, we wanted somehow to be better than others.

I get chills when I walk through the Halls of this very august place, to see the depictions of the debates in the early years, to realize how fragile democracy is, and how we could not last.

I hold this up because, interestingly, we can be so proud that Congress was listed as the first body of government, Article I.

As I read the charges in here, it gives us powers as the House of Representatives. Nowhere is there a privilege to kill. Nowhere is there the instruction to kill. Nowhere is there an instruction to be free to murder. Yet, with a great deal of trepidation and sadness, I am here because of a video.

This headline speaks to it: "House to vote on censuring Republican," Mr. GOSAR, "who shared violent video targeting" a Member of Congress.

That is the crux of why we are here. It is not speech of people supporting the right to be free in this Nation and supporting the George Floyd bill, where protesters, peaceful and otherwise, did rise up, young people, about 66,000 in Houston, completely peaceful, as it was around the Nation.

Don't try to compare the pain of protesters on an issue of justice with the actions of this gentleman. Yes, I call him that.

Mr. GOSAR is seen delivering a fatal blow to the back of the monster's head, and blood is seen gushing from the wound. The face is that of our colleague, and it is violent.

In addition, it is treasonous to be seen to attack the President of the United States of America.

In one scene, footage of migrants crossing the Rio Grande is overlaid with what appears to be splattered blood.

Who are we as a Nation?

In another, the words "drugs," "crime," "poverty," "money," "murder," "gangs," "violence," and "trafficking" flash across the screen. Mr. GOSAR knew what he was doing.

The 1 minute and 32 seconds was posted by him. It shows him battling a towering, naked monstrosity with the face of that Democratic Member. It is against women of color; it is against women; and it is against Members of Congress.

Last week, TED LIEU and I, and 30 other Members, sent a letter to Republican leadership asking if there was one person that would call this out and indicate shame, shame, shame.

I include in the RECORD the letter that was sent to Republican leadership.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, November 12, 2021.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPUBLICAN LEADER MCCARTHY: We write as members of the United States House of Representatives to express our extreme concern, indignation, and fear regarding the recent actions of Representative Paul Gosar and to ask that you publicly request a House Ethics Committee investigation into Mr. Gosar's actions.

On November 7, 2021, Mr. Gosar shared a grotesque video on Twitter in which his face and those of several other Republican Members of the House are edited into the opening credits of the Netflix anime series *Attack on Titan*, and in which Mr. Gosar is depicted killing a giant monster with the face of a Democratic Member of Congress.

The one minute and thirty-two-seconds video depicts Mr. Gosar battling a towering, naked monstrosity with the face of a Democratic Member of the House superimposed over the monster's face. Mr. Gosar is then seen delivering a fatal strike to the back of the monster's neck, and blood is seen gushing from the wound. The video also depicts Mr. Gosar leaping at President Biden while brandishing two swords, and the video is interspersed throughout with real-life footage of Border Patrol officers rounding up migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border. In one scene, footage of migrants crossing the Rio Grande is overlaid with what appears to be splattered blood. In another, the words "drugs," "crime," "poverty," "money," "murder," "gangs," "violence" and "trafficking" flash across the screen.

Sharing the glorification of violence expressed in this video goes far beyond the protections afforded by the Speech and Debate Clause in the Constitution and is beneath the dignity of a person serving in the Congress of the United States. Mr. Gosar's actions display a breakdown of reasoned discourse not seen in the House since the summer of 1856, when South Carolina Congressman Preston Brooks attacked Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner with a cane on the Senate floor. The beating nearly killed Sumner and contributed significantly to the country's polarization over the issue of slavery and to the use of violence that eventually led to the Civil War.

In a like manner, Mr. Gosar's actions serve solely to glorify the usage of violence against Members of the House. As we witnessed with Mr. Gosar's actions leading up to January 6, threats of violence and the glorification of violence lead to actual violence. Mr. Gosar has continuously been a strong proponent of the Big Lie that President Biden lost the 2020 Presidential election. As reported by several media outlets, Mr. Gosar was intimately involved with the planning of the January 6 rally and, following the January 6 attack, Mr. Gosar called the insurrectionists "peaceful patriots." Rather than condemn calls for violence against Congress and actual violence against Congress, Mr.

Gosar has instead shared an animated video of himself killing a fellow Member of Congress.

Less than one year has passed since Congress witnessed the January 6 domestic terrorists break into the Capitol building, vandalize and steal property, threaten our safety and lives, and attack and kill Capitol police officers. Less than one year has passed since we witnessed crowds chanting "Hang Mike Pence," and "Hang Nancy Pelosi" outside this bastion of democracy. If ever there was a time for the House to come together to promote civility, discourse, and cooperation, it is now.

For these reasons, we are asking that as the Leader of the Republican Conference you publicly request an investigation into Mr. Gosar's actions by the House Ethics Committee to determine whether Mr. Gosar has violated the Rules of the House to a degree sufficient to warrant disciplinary action, including ordering the cessation of conduct that threatens the lives of fellow Members of Congress and the President, removal from his Committee positions, censure, expulsion, or further disciplinary action as determined by the Committee or the House of Representatives.

We must act to protect the dignity and integrity of the House.

Very truly yours,

Sheila Jackson Lee, Alan Lowenthal, Grace F. Napolitano, Rashida Tlaib, Ted Lieu, Nanette Barragán, Sylvia R. Garcia, Grace Meng, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Jimmy Gomez, Dwight Evans, Mike Doyle, David N. Cicilline, John Larson, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr., Adriano Espaillat, Mike Quigley, Ilhan Omar, J. Luis Correa, Stacey E. Plaskett, David Price, Linda Sánchez, André Carson, Earl Blumenauer, Troy A. Carter, Madeleine Dean, Mary Gay Scanlon, Jason Crow, Jim Cooper, Jerry McNerney, Brenden F. Boyle, Steve Cohen, Members of Congress.

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. This brings me to tears. There is no celebration on this floor. It is imperative that we pass this resolution and Mr. GOSAR is censured and removed from his seat. The reason is you cannot depict the murder of another Member of Congress or the President of the United States.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today as a senior member of the Committees on the Judiciary, on Homeland Security, and on the Budget, to support this Rule governing debate of H. Res. 789 to censure Rep. GOSAR and to remove him from his committee assignment.

I also stand here, Madam Speaker, to express my concern, indignation, and fear regarding Representative GOSAR's actions.

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This was a one minute and thirty-two second speech threatening violence against a member of the House.

Last week, my colleague TED LIEU and I, along with thirty other members of the House, sent a letter to Minority Leader MCCARTHY asking him to request an Ethics investigation into Mr. GOSAR's actions.

Rather than standing for the dignity of the House, Minority Leader MCCARTHY has done nothing.

I would like to submit into the record the November 12, 2021 letter sent to Minority Leader MCCARTHY by myself, TED LIEU, and thirty other members of Congress.

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Rather than uphold the dignity and sanctity of the House, Republican Leader MCCARTHY has done nothing.

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For these reasons, I urge all members to vote in favor of this Rule governing debate.

We must act to protect the dignity and integrity of the House.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGOVERN), the distinguished chairman of the Rules Committee.

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania for yielding me the time and for her distinguished service on the Rules Committee.

Madam Speaker, the standard we have set is simple. When a Member uses taxpayer money to produce a video encouraging violence against another Member, they should lose the privilege of serving on a committee. That is what serving on a congressional committee is. It is a privilege. It is not a right.

I don't know what Congressman GOSAR has said in the privacy of Republican Conference meetings. I am not getting any invitations to those. Frankly, Madam Speaker, I don't really care because it is what he said publicly that counts, and publicly he has defended his actions.

Can we just be honest here, Madam Speaker? For once, can my colleagues on the other side stand up to their leadership and say in public what they know to be true?

After our colleague Gabby Giffords was shot, after the distinguished minority whip was shot, after what happened on January 6, after a record-breaking increase in threats against Members, will none of my colleagues on the other side admit that Congressman GOSAR should be held accountable?

And for all the talk from those on the other side about this standard somehow being a slippery slope, let me remind them that it is their own colleagues who have suggested removing Republicans not for advocating violence, but for voting for the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

Is this the state of the Republican Party today? If you vote for a bipartisan bill, your own colleagues will call for retribution, but if you tweet a video depicting the murder of a colleague and depicting violence against the President of the United States, that is somehow okay? Come on.

His office produced this video, and Congressman GOSAR defended it. We have people out there being influenced by garbage like this. We have Members being forced to pay for security. We have Members getting death threats. This is dangerous stuff that we are talking about here.

But last night in the Rules Committee we heard a lot of rationalization. We heard explanation. We heard whataboutism. Give me a break.

Madam Speaker, the dangerous standard, the real slippery slope would be for this Congress to do nothing here, to be satisfied with a stern, private

phone call from the Republican leadership and no accountability.

We cannot allow the normalization of political violence in America. Something is very, very wrong with that. And something is very, very wrong with anyone who thought posting this video was okay.

Now, the minority leader had a "stern, private call" with Congressman GOSAR. Guess what? That is not enough. There must be real consequences.

Censure and removing Congressman GOSAR from his committee assignments is appropriate here. This isn't about partisanship or anyone's voting record. This is about accountability, and at some point, we need to come together to uphold the integrity and the decency of this institution.

To be honest, Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I am not hearing a hell of a lot of willingness from many on the other side to do that.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close if the gentleman is prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Obviously, I oppose the rule. Today's action threatens one of the key norms of this institution, the right of the majority and minority to make committee assignments for their respective Members. It threatens to set a new, dangerous precedent for this institution, allowing the majority to have a veto over the minority's assignments.

Representative GOSAR has already addressed his misguided decision to post the video and has sought to rectify it.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question, "no" on the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a November 9 Insider article entitled: "GOP Lawmakers Want to Punish the 13 Republicans Who Voted for Biden's Infrastructure Bill By Kicking Them Off Congressional Committees, Report Says."

[From the Insider, Nov. 9, 2021]

GOP LAWMAKERS WANT TO PUNISH THE 13 REPUBLICANS WHO VOTED FOR BIDEN'S INFRASTRUCTURE BILL BY KICKING THEM OFF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, REPORT SAYS

(By Tom Porter)

Republican leaders in the US House of Representatives are expecting a bid to punish the 13 Republicans who voted for President Joe Biden's \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill by stripping them of committee assignments, according to a report.

Punchbowl News reported that some Republican lawmakers were determined to take action against the 13, several of whom are ranking members or senior Republicans on House committees or subcommittees.

The report did not detail what level of support the move might have as of Tuesday morning.

Under House rules, a party's steering committee has the power to recommend that a lawmaker be removed from committee assignments, which is then subject to a vote by the caucus and the full House.

It is a punishment that has historically been reserved for lawmakers who have been accused of crimes, or been involved with extremism.

The support of the 13 Republicans was ultimately vital for the infrastructure bill passing into law last week, with six Democrats voting against it amid a monthslong dispute in the party over a connected bill that is being stalled in the Senate. The infrastructure bill was passed by the Senate in a bipartisan vote in June.

The move to take action against the 13 Republicans who supported the infrastructure bill highlights the fury of some GOP lawmakers against party colleagues for backing Biden's legislation.

Several hard line loyalists to former President Donald Trump on the far right of the GOP House caucus, including Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene and Matt Gaetz, have been publicly critical of the 13 lawmakers. Trump himself has also criticized them.

"Here are the 'Republicans' that just voted to help Biden screw America," Greene tweeted last week, branding them "traitors," and sharing pictures and phone numbers of them.

In an Monday CNN interview, Rep. Fred Upton of Michigan—one of the 13 Republicans who voted for the infrastructure bill—played a threatening message he'd received after the vote.

"I'll tell you it's a terrible way—we have seen civility really downslide here. I'm concerned about my staff. They are taking these calls," he said.

There has long been tensions in the GOP between centrists and Trump loyalists. In May, Rep. Liz Cheney was removed from her leadership role in the House GOP over her criticism of Trump and his baseless claims of fraud in the 2020 election.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, as I indicated, there are some in the Republican Conference who want to kick 13 Republicans off their committees for voting for an infrastructure bill that will benefit their constituents, but when a Member of Congress publicly celebrates a video depicting the murder of a colleague, silence.

It is disgraceful that Congress is the one place in the United States where a video calling for the murder of a Member of Congress is not universally condemned, and it is a sad thing for this institution.

Madam Speaker, we are here to address the conduct of a Member of Congress who disseminated and celebrated a video that portrays him murdering another Member of Congress and attacking the President of the United States.

The evidence speaks for itself. There is nothing more to review. Nothing to investigate. No questions to answer or facts to find.

We have all seen the video. We have heard Mr. GOSAR's response, and we have seen the lack of response from the Republican Party leadership to condemn Representative GOSAR's celebration of violence to make clear that such actions are unacceptable, and that political violence is unacceptable in the United States of America.

In the absence of meaningful action by his own party, it is up to Members of the House of Representatives and the country as a whole to decide whether such actions deserve consequences.

Today, we ask ourselves, is this behavior acceptable to you? Is it acceptable to the American people? The way we vote today says a lot, not only about the integrity of the Members who are entrusted with the privilege of representing this great country, but also the direction in which we are headed.

I am grateful to the few Republican colleagues who have the integrity and the guts, quite frankly, to condemn Mr. GOSAR's actions. But, once again, Republican leadership lacks the courage to properly manage the actions of their conference, and so Congress must act.

Rejecting political violence should not be a partisan effort. How far has the party of Lincoln fallen that it would excuse this conduct? We must say that political violence is not acceptable in the United States of America.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support the rule and underlying resolution.

The material previously referred to by Mr. COLE is as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the resolution (H. Res. 796), amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit the consideration of a resolution proposing to remove a Member from a standing committee unless the resolution is offered by, or with the concurrence of, the Leader of the party of the Member that is the subject of the resolution. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of House Resolution 796.

H. RES. 796

Resolved,

SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF A MEMBER FROM A STANDING COMMITTEE.

Clause 5(a)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

“(1)(A) The standing committees specified in clause 1 shall be elected by the House within seven calendar days after the commencement of each Congress, from nominations submitted by the respective party caucus or conference. A resolution proposing to change the composition of a standing committee shall be privileged if offered by direction of the party caucus or conference concerned.

“(B) A resolution proposing to remove a Member from a standing committee shall not be in order unless offered by, or with the concurrence of, the Leader of the party of the Member that is the subject of the resolution.

“(C) The Committee on Rules may not report a rule or order that waives the application of subdivision (B).”.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 207, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 377]

YEAS—221

Adams	Garamendi	Nadler
Agullar	Garcia (IL)	Napolitano
Allred	Garcia (TX)	Neal
Auchincloss	Golden	Neguse
Axne	Gomez	Newman
Barragan	Gonzalez,	Norcross
Bass	Vicente	O'Halleran
Beatty	Gottheimer	Ocasio-Cortez
Bera	Green, Al (TX)	Omar
Beyer	Grijalva	Pallone
Bishop (GA)	Harder (CA)	Panetta
Blumenauer	Hayes	Pappas
Blunt Rochester	Higgins (NY)	Pascrell
Bonamici	Himes	Payne
Bourdeaux	Horsford	Perlmutter
Bowman	Houlahan	Peters
Boyle, Brendan	Hoyer	Phillips
F.	Huffman	Pingree
Brown (MD)	Jackson Lee	Pocan
Brown (OH)	Jacobs (CA)	Porter
Brownley	Jayapal	Pressley
Bush	Jeffries	Price (NC)
Bustos	Johnson (GA)	Quigley
Butterfield	Johnson (TX)	Raskin
Carbajal	Jones	Rice (NY)
Cardenas	Kahele	Ross
Carson	Kaptur	Roybal-Allard
Carter (LA)	Keating	Ruiz
Cartwright	Kelly (IL)	Ruppersberger
Case	Khanna	Rush
Casten	Kildee	Ryan
Castor (FL)	Kilmer	Sanchez
Castro (TX)	Kim (NJ)	Sarbanes
Cheney	Kind	Scanlon
Chu	Kinzinger	Schakowsky
Cicilline	Kirkpatrick	Schiff
Clark (MA)	Krishnamoorthi	Schneider
Clarke (NY)	Kuster	Schrader
Cleaver	Lamb	Schrier
Clyburn	Langevin	Scott (VA)
Cohen	Larsen (WA)	Scott, David
Connolly	Larson (CT)	Sewell
Cooper	Lawrence	Sherman
Correa	Lawson (FL)	Sherrill
Costa	Lee (CA)	Sires
Courtney	Lee (NV)	Slotkin
Craig	Leger Fernandez	Smith (WA)
Crist	Levin (CA)	Soto
Crow	Levin (MI)	Spanberger
Cuellar	Lieu	Speier
Davids (KS)	Lofgren	Stansbury
Davis, Danny K.	Lowenthal	Stanton
Dean	Luria	Stevens
DeFazio	Lynch	Strickland
DeGette	Malinowski	Suozzi
DeLauro	Maloney,	Swalwell
DelBene	Carolyn B.	Takano
Delgado	Maloney, Sean	Thompson (CA)
Demings	Manning	Thompson (MS)
DeSaulnier	Matsui	Titus
Deutch	McBath	Tlaib
Dingell	McCollum	Tonko
Doggett	McEachin	Torres (CA)
Doyle, Michael	McGovern	Torres (NY)
F.	McNerney	Trahan
Escobar	Meeks	Trone
Eshoo	Meng	Underwood
Espallat	Mfume	Vargas
Evans	Moore (WI)	Veasey
Fletcher	Morelle	Vela
Foster	Moulton	Wasserman
Frankel, Lois	Mrvan	Schultz
Gallego	Murphy (FL)	Waters

Watson Coleman
Welch
Wexton

Wild
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)

Yarmuth

NAYS—207

Aderholt	Gimenez	Mooney
Allen	Gohmert	Moore (AL)
Amodei	Gonzales, Tony	Moore (UT)
Armstrong	Gonzalez (OH)	Mullin
Arrington	Good (VA)	Murphy (NC)
Babin	Gooden (TX)	Nehls
Bacon	Gosar	Newhouse
Baird	Granger	Norman
Balderson	Graves (LA)	Nunes
Banks	Graves (MO)	Oberholte
Barr	Green (TN)	Owens
Bentz	Greene (GA)	Palazzo
Bergman	Grothman	Palmer
Bice (OK)	Guest	Pence
Biggs	Guthrie	Pfleger
Billirakis	Hagedorn	Posey
Bishop (NC)	Harris	Reed
Boebert	Harshbarger	Reschenthaler
Bost	Hartzler	Rice (SC)
Brady	Hern	Rodgers (WA)
Brooks	Herrell	Rogers (AL)
Buchanan	Herrera Beutler	Rogers (KY)
Buck	Hice (GA)	Rose
Bucshon	Higgins (LA)	Rosendale
Budd	Hill	Rouzer
Burchett	Hinson	Roy
Burgess	Hollingsworth	Rutherford
Calvert	Hudson	Salazar
Cammack	Huizenga	Scalise
Carey	Issa	Schweikert
Carl	Jackson	Scott, Austin
Carter (GA)	Jacobs (NY)	Sessions
Carter (TX)	Johnson (LA)	Simpson
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Cole	Katko	Stauber
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Crawford	Kelly (MS)	Stefanik
Crenshaw	Kelly (PA)	Steil
Curtis	Kim (CA)	Steube
Davidson	Kustoff	Stewart
Davis, Rodney	LaHood	Taylor
DesJarlais	LaMalfa	Tenney
Diaz-Balart	Lamborn	Thompson (PA)
Donalds	Latta	Tiffany
Duncan	LaTurner	Timmons
Dunn	Lesko	Turner
Ellzey	Letlow	Upton
Emmer	Long	Valadao
Estes	Lucas	Van Drew
Fallon	Mace	Van Duyn
Feenstra	Malliotakis	Wagner
Ferguson	Mann	Walberg
Fischbach	Massie	Walorski
Fitzgerald	Mast	Waltz
Fitzpatrick	McCarthy	Weber (TX)
Fleischmann	McCaul	Webster (FL)
Fortenberry	McClain	Wenstrup
Fox	McClintock	Westerman
Franklin, C.	McHenry	Williams (TX)
Scott	McKinley	Wilson (SC)
Fulcher	Meijer	Wittman
Gaetz	Meuser	Womack
Gallagher	Miller (IL)	Young
Garbarino	Miller (WV)	Zeldin
Garcia (CA)	Miller-Meeks	
Gibbs	Moolenaar	

NOT VOTING—5

Griffith
Loudermilk

Luetkemeyer
Perry

Velázquez

□ 1345

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. KRISHNAMOORTHY, NEGUSE, MALINOWSKI, and HORSFORD changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:
Ms. VELAZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, November 17, I regret not being present for one vote session due to a committee briefing. Had I been present, I would

have voted “aye” on the motion on ordering the previous question on the Rule H. Res. 795, roll No. 377.

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DeFazio (Brown (MD))	Levin (MI) (Raskin)	Swalwell (Gomez)
Dingell (Clark (MA))	Lowenthal (Beyer)	Tlaib (Bowman)
Khanna (Gomez)	McEachin (Wexton)	Underwood (Casten)
Kildee (Butterfield)	Nunes (Garcia (CA))	Waltz (Salazar)
Kirkpatrick (Stanton)	Porter (Wexton)	Wilson (FL) (Hayes)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 222, nays 208, not voting 3, as follows:

[Roll No. 378]

YEAS—222

Adams	DelBene	Langevin
Aguilar	Delgado	Larsen (WA)
Allred	Demings	Larson (CT)
Auchincloss	DeSaulnier	Lawrence
Axne	Deutch	Lawson (FL)
Barragán	Dingell	Lee (CA)
Bass	Doggett	Lee (NV)
Beatty	Doyle, Michael	Leger Fernandez
Bera	F.	Levin (CA)
Beyer	Escobar	Levin (MI)
Bishop (GA)	Eshoo	Lieu
Blumenauer	Espallat	Lofgren
Blunt Rochester	Evans	Lowenthal
Bonamici	Fletcher	Luria
Bourdeaux	Foster	Lynch
Bowman	Frankel, Lois	Malinowski
Boyle, Brendan	Gallego	Maloney,
F.	Garamendi	Carolyn B.
Brown (MD)	Garcia (IL)	Maloney, Sean
Brown (OH)	Garcia (TX)	Manning
Brownley	Golden	Matsui
Bush	Gomez	McBath
Bustos	Gonzalez,	McCollum
Butterfield	Vicente	McEachin
Carbajal	Gottheimer	McGovern
Cárdenas	Green, Al (TX)	McNerney
Carson	Grijalva	Meeks
Carter (LA)	Harder (CA)	Meng
Cartwright	Hayes	Mfume
Case	Higgins (NY)	Moore (WI)
Casten	Himes	Morelle
Castor (FL)	Horsford	Moulton
Castro (TX)	Houlahan	Mrvan
Cheney	Hoyer	Murphy (FL)
Chu	Huffman	Nadler
Cicilline	Jackson Lee	Napolitano
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Courtney	Kelly (IL)	Pappas
Craig	Khanna	Pascarell
Crist	Kildee	Payne
Crow	Kilmer	Perlmutter
Cuellar	Kim (NJ)	Peters
Davids (KS)	Kind	Phillips
Davis, Danny K.	Kinzinger	Pingree
Dean	Kirkpatrick	Pocan
DeFazio	Krishnamoorthi	Porter
DeGette	Kuster	Pressley
DeLauro	Lamb	Price (NC)

Quigley	Sherman	Torres (CA)
Raskin	Sherrill	Torres (NY)
Rice (NY)	Sires	Trahan
Ross	Slotkin	Trone
Royalb-Allard	Smith (WA)	Underwood
Ruiz	Soto	Vargas
Ruppersberger	Spanberger	Veasey
Rush	Speier	Vela
Ryan	Stansbury	Velázquez
Sánchez	Stanton	Wasserman
Sarbanes	Stevens	Schultz
Scanlon	Strickland	Waters
Schakowsky	Suozzi	Watson Coleman
Schiff	Swalwell	Welch
Schneider	Takano	Wexton
Schrader	Thompson (CA)	Williams (GA)
Schrier	Thompson (MS)	Wilson (FL)
Scott (VA)	Titus	Yarmuth
Scott, David	Tlaib	
Sewell	Tonko	

NAYS—208

Aderholt	Gimenez	Moolenaar
Allen	Gohmert	Mooney
Amodei	Gonzales, Tony	Moore (AL)
Armstrong	Gonzalez (OH)	Moore (UT)
Arrington	Good (VA)	Mullin
Babin	Gooden (TX)	Murphy (NC)
Bacon	Gosar	Nehls
Baird	Granger	Newhouse
Balderson	Graves (LA)	Norman
Banks	Graves (MO)	Nunes
Barr	Green (TN)	Oberholte
Bentz	Greene (GA)	Owens
Bergman	Grothman	Palazzo
Bice (OK)	Guest	Palmer
Biggs	Guthrie	Pence
Billirakis	Hagedorn	Pfluger
Bishop (NC)	Harris	Posey
Boebert	Harshbarger	Reed
Bost	Hartzler	Reschenthaler
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Budd	Hill	Rosendale
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Burgess	Hollingsworth	Roy
Calvert	Hudson	Rutherford
Cammack	Salazar	Huizenga
Carey	Issa	Scalise
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Davidson	Kustoff	Steube
Davis, Rodney	LaHood	Stewart
DesJarlais	LaMalfa	Taylor
Diaz-Balart	Lamborn	Tenney
Donalds	Latta	Thompson (PA)
Duncan	LaTurner	Tiffany
Dunn	Lesko	Timmons
Elizy	Letlow	Turner
Emmer	Long	Upton
Estes	Lucas	Valadao
Fallon	Luetkemeyer	Van Drew
Feenstra	Mace	Van Dwyne
Ferguson	Malliotakis	Wagner
Fischbach	Mann	Walberg
Fitzgerald	Massie	Walorski
Fitzpatrick	Mast	Waltz
Fleischmann	McCarthy	Weber (TX)
Fortenberry	McClain	Webster (FL)
Fox	McClintock	Wenstrup
Franklin, C.	McHenry	Westerman
Scott	McKinley	Williams (TX)
Fulcher	Meijer	Wilson (SC)
Gaetz	Meuser	Wittman
Gallagher	Miller (IL)	Womack
Garbarino	Miller (WV)	Young
Garcia (CA)	Miller-Meeks	Zeldin
Gibbs		

NOT VOTING—3

□ 1407

Mr. MULLIN changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the resolution was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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CENSURING REPRESENTATIVE
PAUL GOSAR

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 795, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 789) censuring Representative PAUL GOSAR, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). Pursuant to House Resolution 795, the amendment printed in House Report 117-174 is adopted, and the resolution, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the resolution, as amended, is as follows:

H. RES. 789

Whereas, on November 7, 2021, Representative Paul Gosar posted a manipulated video on his social media accounts depicting himself killing Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and attacking President Joseph Biden;

Whereas the video was posted on Representative Gosar's official Instagram account and used the resources of the House of Representatives to further violence against elected officials;

Whereas Representative Gosar issued a statement on November 9, 2021, defending the video as a “symbolic cartoon” and spreading hateful and false rhetoric about immigrants;

Whereas the leadership of the Republican Party has failed to condemn Representative Gosar's threats of violence against the President of the United States and a fellow Member of Congress;

Whereas the Speaker of the House made clear that threats of violence against Members of Congress and the President of the United States should not be tolerated and called on the Committee on Ethics of the House and law enforcement to investigate the video;

Whereas depictions of violence can foment actual violence and jeopardize the safety of elected officials, as witnessed in this chamber on January 6, 2021;

Whereas violence against women in politics is a global phenomenon meant to silence women and discourage them from seeking positions of authority and participating in public life, with women of color disproportionately impacted;

Whereas a 2016 survey by the Inter-Parliamentary Union found that 82 percent of women parliamentarians have experienced psychological violence and 44 percent received threats of death, sexual violence, beatings, or abduction during their term; and

Whereas the participation of women in politics makes our government more representative and just: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That—

(1) Representative Paul Gosar of Arizona be censured;

(2) Representative Paul Gosar forthwith present himself in the well of the House of Representatives for the pronouncement of censure;

(3) Representative Paul Gosar be censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker; and

(4) Representative Paul Gosar be, and is hereby, removed from the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ethics or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. DEUTCH) and the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. WALORSKI) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H. Res. 789.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his recognition and for his distinguished service as the chair of the Ethics Committee. I call it by its official name having served there for 7 years myself.

Madam Speaker, I rise today as the Speaker of the House of Representatives, an institution that was designed by our Founders to be the people's House, a House constantly invigorated by its accountability to the people every year. It is a place where slavery was abolished; a place where we have taken our men and women into service to protect freedom and democracy throughout the world; and a place where Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and so many institutions meeting the needs of the American people were established. The list goes on and on about the distinguished nature of the House of Representatives.

Maybe 12- or 13,000 people have been elected to this body over time—only a few hundred women—but all very distinguished, and great heroes of our country have served in this institution including President Abraham Lincoln. That was before the Chamber was the meeting ground. Statuary Hall is the place where his desk is memorialized to this day.

So, Madam Speaker, when we come to this great institution, we understand that there are 435 Members of Congress, but only one from each district. Only one of us represents the thoughts, aspirations, dreams, fears, and hopes of our constituents.

□ 1415

There is no bigger privilege for any one of us in the House, be it Speaker, whip, leader, any of the titles that our caucuses may bestow on us, that is as prestigious as saying that I speak for the people of my district, in my case, the district of San Francisco.

So when we come here, we have a responsibility to uphold a high standard of integrity, decency, and respect for this institution.

The Constitution charges us to be accountable to the people, and we must represent the United States House of Representatives in a spirit in which our constituents and all Americans should be very proud.

House rule XXIII provides for our Code of Official Conduct. This provision of our rules requires that we “shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.”

Sadly, extremely disturbing actions taken last week by a Member of Congress, threatening another Member, wildly violate this standard. These actions demand a response.

We cannot have Members joking about murdering each other or threatening the President of the United States. This is both an endangerment of our elected officials and an insult to the institution of the House of Representatives.

It is not just about us as Members of Congress. It is the danger that it represents to everyone in the country. If you are viewing this and thinking, well, when you run for Congress, you get threats and the rest. You don't expect to get them from your colleagues.

But, nonetheless, the example set in this House is one that is viewed across the country. Women across the country particularly feel vulnerable if insults of the nature that exist in this House are allowed to stand. I will speak about that in a moment.

Again, when a Member uses his or her national platform to encourage violence, tragically, people listen to those words and they may act upon them. Words spoken by elected officials weigh a ton. People hear them very differently.

As the resolution that the committee is putting forth states: “Depictions of violence can foment actual violence and jeopardize the safety of elected officials, as witnessed in this Chamber on January 6, 2021.”

It is inconceivable that a member of our community here would wish to repeat the violence of that dark day, that deadly day.

As a woman Speaker of the House, I want to be clear. These threats specifically target a woman, a woman of color, which is part of, as the resolution states, a “global phenomenon meant to silence women and discourage them from seeking positions of authority and participating in public life.”

Again, this is about workplace harassment and violence against women.

Yet, the Member has never apologized for his actions. “It’s a cartoon. Relax,” he said.

Really? A cartoon? Relax?

And he wrote to supporters:

The hyperventilating and shrill accusations that this cartoon is dangerous are laughable or intentionally hyperbolic.

“I am entitled to speak to the people and to do so in a manner that is engaging,” he said.

Really? Is it engaging to depict killing a colleague or anyone? It is not just about Members of Congress; anyone, threatening anyone.

Disguising death threats against a Member of Congress and the President of the United States in an animated video does not make those death threats any less real or less serious. And indeed, conveying them this way makes them potentially more dangerous by normalizing violence.

It isn't funny. And yes, you have a right to speak; and so do we have a right to react to what you are saying when you are threatening the lives of Members of Congress and the President of the United States.

It is sad that this entire House must take this step because of the refusal of the leadership of the other party. Indeed, it took 9 days before the minority leader publicly spoke out about this threat; and when he did, he merely said:

It was not the Member's intent to ever harm anyone.

Really?

And many other Members on the other side of the aisle have refused to strongly condemn these actions. One member of leadership said: “Unfortunately, in this world we are in right now, we all get death threats, no matter what the issue is.”

Death threats from our colleagues? Death threats from Members of Congress? We all get death threats?

So Members think it is okay to use their platforms to directly encourage more death threats against their own colleagues?

The resolution on the floor today is about accountability. It is about integrity in this House. And it will serve as a reminder to this Congress and to this country that the House is committed to upholding the highest standards of decorum in all that we do, as is said in rule XXIII, “shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.”

In our actions, we must be mindful of all who make up our congressional community, including not only Members, but also the committees, the committee staff, the institutional staff—and thank you for your service—the custodians of the Capitol, the Capitol Police, and others.

As we proceed to make progress for the people, let us be guided by our love of this institution, respect for this institution in which we serve and, again, an example that we wish to show to the world.

Again, a threat against anyone is wrong, whether you are a Member of

Congress or not. So this is just about the example, again, that is total violation by the action of the Member.

Yes, indeed, Madam Speaker, it is a sad day for the House of Representatives, but a necessary day, so that we can, again, behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.

Madam Speaker, I thank the distinguished chairman, again. I thank Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER for her leadership in bringing this legislation forward, this resolution forward.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), the distinguished minority leader.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, it is an old definition of abuse of power: "Rules for thee, but not for me." That is exactly what is happening here today.

House Democrats are preparing, once again, to break another precedent of the United States House of Representatives.

It is an open secret that the American people are facing substantial challenges today. Many of these challenges are Washington-inflicted, of one-party rule, caused by the Biden administration's incompetence and radicalism.

Absolute chaos on the southern border; out-of-control crime; record-breaking gas prices and inflation; a broken supply chain; a historic labor shortage; a failing education system and, of course, the humiliating surrender in Afghanistan.

Will this Congress be remembered as the Congress that addressed those serious challenges? Not a chance?

Instead, I believe this Congress will go down in history as the broken Congress.

For nearly 4 years, as the House Republicans have been voicing the needs of millions of Americans, House Democrats have broken nearly every rule and standard in order to silence dissent and stack the deck for their radical, unpopular agenda.

They broke the motion to recommit, the first time in the history of Congress. They broke impeachment, not once, but twice. They broke in-person voting and replaced it with proxy voting, for the first time in history. And they broke the minority's right to appoint members of its own choosing to committees.

The Speaker is burning down the House on her way out the door.

What's worse, we got to this point on the basis of a double standard. Democrats want to change the rules but refuse to apply them to their own caucus.

I listened to the Speaker talk about the highest standards.

Madam Speaker, when a Democratic chairwoman flew to Minneapolis and told an angry crowd during the trial to "stay on the streets," "get more active," "get more confrontational." "We've got to make sure they know we

mean business." That high standard, the Democrats refused to take action.

The trial judge actually singled her out on her comments on an ongoing basis, which he said could become an issue on appeal.

But this wasn't the first time. No. This is three times.

At a rally in Los Angeles, that same chairwoman, she told a mob: "If you see anyone from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd. And you push back on them. And you tell them that they're not welcome anymore, anywhere."

She later defended that comment in another speech in L.A., saying—this same chairwoman, of the high standards—

I did not threaten Trump constituents and supporters. I do that all the time, but I didn't do it that time.

This side of the aisle didn't ask that chairwoman to lose her committee. We simply asked for an apology.

Meanwhile, with that high standard, Speaker PELOSI and Leader HOYER defended her. When asked about her Minneapolis comment, Leader HOYER described her as "passionate—she believes in her issues." She believes she should get in your faces.

And Speaker PELOSI, oh, what did she do with that high standard? She compared her comments in Minneapolis to Dr. King's civil rights movement. You see, why would they do that? Rules for thee, but not for me.

Just this month, the dossier's principal source was arrested by Special Counsel Durham for lying to the FBI. Think about everything that dossier put this country through for 2 years, based on fabricated evidence. The infringements to due process; the spying on the Presidential campaign; and, of course, the \$32 million spent by hard-working taxpayers for a Mueller investigation.

And yet, the Democratic chairman says, "I don't regret it." Why? Rules for thee, but not for me.

When the Speaker of the House, on this very floor, engaged in personalities, the floor shut down for 3 hours because no one wanted to take it to the top. Her entire caucus that believed in the higher standard voted to keep her words in the RECORD rather than strike them down. Why?

Rules for thee, but not for me.

The Speaker said: "I stand by my statement. I'm proud of the attention that's being called to it."

Never happened before in the history of this body. Why? Because it is a broken Congress that believes in rules for thee, but not for me.

This is part of a larger pattern. When a Congressman on the Intelligence Committee was targeted by a suspected Chinese Communist Party agent for years, the Democrats kept him on the committee. Why? Rules for thee, but not for me.

When a Democrat Congresswoman said: "Israel has hypnotized the

world," supporting Israel is "all about the Benjamins," and that 9/11 was "some people did something," Democrats actually defended her. Why? Rules for thee, but not for me.

And when a Member of the Democratic leadership tweeted a week ago, "Lock up Kyle Rittenhouse and throw away the key," in an attempt to sway an ongoing trial, the Democrats said nothing. Why? Rules for thee, but not for me.

Let me be clear: I do not condone violence, and Representative GOSAR has echoed that sentiment. The video was deleted. Democrats won't listen because they will do anything to distract from the failures of one-party rule in 1 year destroying a Nation.

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For Democrats, this vote isn't about a video; it is about control. That is the one and only thing Democrats are interested in—not condemning violence, not protecting the institution, not decorum or decency, just control.

The Democrats want control, and they don't care about the consequences. They are destroying this institution, silencing the minority, and, therefore, silencing millions of Americans.

When I talked to Democrat leadership when they told me what they wanted to do, I asked a simple question: Have you seen the video? No, haven't seen it. But they knew exactly what they wanted to do. It is interesting. Without even watching, they decide the punishment. Why? No need. Rules for thee but not for me.

What they have started cannot be easily undone. Their actions today and in the past have forever changed the way the House operates. It means that the minority rights that have served this body so well are a thing of the past. Furthermore, it means that, under the Pelosi precedent, all the Members that I mentioned earlier will need the approval of a majority to keep those positions in the future.

What was interesting is, it is not just the Speaker who is making those decisions. When the chairwoman incited those ideas three times, everyone in the Democratic Party had the ability to vote what they thought. Because of those high standards, they all voted to table. They all voted to table, not to remove this chairwoman from committees or ask for an apology. Why? Because you all believe in rules for thee but not for me.

That legacy is a real culmination of Speaker PELOSI's career. Make no mistake, the House is weaker, more partisan, more self-focused today than when Speaker PELOSI became Speaker less than 4 years ago. Future Congresses will suffer for it. More importantly, the American people have needlessly suffered because of it. They won't soon forget it.

It is about control. It is not about a standard that everybody lives by. It is a standard you enforce on one but not

upon yourself. You encouraged your own side to engage further when you all took a vote to table.

It would be interesting to see, if your leadership hasn't watched the video, how many of you who vote today have watched it.

When it was requested, I contacted the Member. He took the video down. He put out a statement that he does not believe in violence to anyone.

But, you see, when others on the other side of the aisle incite violence, it is okay because it is rules for thee but not for me.

Unfortunately, this body has suffered greatly, and a new standard will continue to be applied in the future.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ).

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, I have been serving in this body just under 3 years. In that 3 years, an enormous amount has happened.

In response to the Republican leader's remarks, when he says that this action is unprecedented, what I believe is unprecedented is for a Member of House leadership, of either party, to be unable to condemn incitement of violence against a Member of this body.

It is a sad day when a Member who leads a political party in the United States of America cannot bring himself to say that issuing a depiction of murdering a Member of Congress is wrong and instead decides to venture off into a tangent about gas prices and inflation.

What is so hard? What is so hard about saying that this is wrong?

This is not about me. This is not about Representative GOSAR. But this is about what we are willing to accept.

Not just the Republican leader, but I have seen other Members of this party advance the argument, including Representative GOSAR himself, the illusion that this was just a joke, that what we say and what we do does not matter so long as we claim a lack of meaning.

This nihilism runs deep, and it conveys and betrays a certain contempt for the meaning and importance of our work here; that what we do, so long as we claim that it is a joke, doesn't matter; that what we say here doesn't matter; that our actions, every day, as elected leaders in the United States of America don't matter; that this Chamber and what happens in it doesn't matter.

I am here to rise to say that it does. Our work here matters. Our example matters.

There is meaning in our service. As leaders in this country, when we incite violence with depictions against our colleagues, that trickles down into violence in this country.

That is where we must draw the line, independent of party identity or belief. It is about a core recognition of human dignity and value and worth.

When we talk about, as mentioned in the resolution, that these depictions are part of a larger trend of misogyny and racist misogyny, this has results in dampening the participation.

This vote is not as complex as, perhaps, the Republican leader would like to make folks believe. It is pretty cut and dry: Does anyone in this Chamber find this behavior acceptable? Would you allow depictions of violence against women, against colleagues, in your home? Do you think this should happen on a school board, in a city council, in a church? If it is not acceptable there, why should it be accepted here?

Lastly, when the Republican leader rose to talk about how there are all of these double standards and lists a litany of all of these different things, not once did he list an example of a Member of Congress threatening the life of another.

This is not about a double standard. What is unprecedented and what is tragic is the descent of transgression in this body.

I grew up as a little girl with awe about our Nation's Capitol, the reverence and the importance and the gravity of our work here.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from New York.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. So, Madam Speaker, the question I pose to this body in response is: Will we live up to the promises we make our children, that this is a place where we will defend one another, regardless of belief, that our core human dignity matters?

If you believe that this behavior is acceptable, go ahead, vote "no." But if you believe that this behavior should not be accepted, then vote "yes." It is really that simple.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

First, let me say I am not here to defend any comments or actions made by Representative GOSAR or his staff. Let me be clear. I condemn all acts of violence.

In fact, I am a recent victim of violence. Just a few months ago, a political activist attempted to run me over with his car. When this happened, I immediately contacted law enforcement.

If a Member of Congress, anywhere, anytime, feels threatened, they should contact the police.

Unfortunately, this posted video is not the first video or statement by a Member of Congress inciting or depicting violence. Members on both sides of the aisle have made choices that I surely wouldn't have made.

But as the ranking member of the House Ethics Committee, I find myself on the floor now for the second time this year to address an issue that has been referred to the Ethics Committee but which has seen no committee process before coming to the floor for a vote.

Yesterday afternoon, the majority party drafted this resolution and scheduled this debate and floor vote today. The House Ethics Committee has had no time to consider this matter through the Ethics Committee process.

And there is a process. The non-partisan staff should have had the time to research and gather information, and the committee members should have conversations before making a decision on whether and how to move forward with any further investigation.

The chairman claims to have reached out to schedule an emergency committee meeting last night, but the reality is that he did so at a time when we had just been notified to appear on this resolution in front of the Rules Committee last night.

Just for the record, the majority controls when this resolution was introduced, when the Rules Committee was scheduled, when the Ethics Committee meets, and when the resolution comes to the floor for a vote. If there is a scheduling conflict or an excuse as to why we are standing here today rushing this to the floor, it is a conflict that was totally intended by the majority.

So, here we are today, voting to remove a Representative from his committee and censure him on the House floor.

Traditionally, Members are placed on committees by their own party, and they are removed from committees by their own party. Yet, this majority has broken precedent again and is removing a second Republican Member during this Congress from their committees.

Let me just say again: Members on both sides of the aisle have made choices that many of us would not have made.

By rushing this vote to the floor today and ignoring the institutional process, the majority is setting a precedent again that may not serve this institution well in the future.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, this resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Ethics, seeks to censure Representative GOSAR and remove him from his positions on committees.

We are acting on this resolution today because Representative GOSAR recently used House resources to disseminate and celebrate a video that depicts the murder of a fellow colleague.

I did see the video. I am sorry that the distinguished leader of the Republican side apparently chose not to or viewed it and deemed it something less than what it is, which is the horrific depiction of the murder of a fellow colleague and threats to the President of the United States.

We are acting on this resolution because Republican leadership has not

taken responsibility for members of its own Conference.

When a fellow Member of Congress has been threatened with violence, the House cannot wait indefinitely for Republican leadership to find its collective conscience and condemn the threat. When our colleague has been victimized, as women of color so often are, the House cannot ignore that threat.

The full House must roundly reject Representative GOSAR's conduct and prevent the normalization of violent imagery and rhetoric directed against Members of Congress.

Just 10 months ago, this very Chamber was attacked in an act of brutal, bloody savagery. All of us experienced it firsthand. Some of us were trapped in the upper gallery while an angry mob, wielding weapons, tried to beat down the Chamber doors to disrupt certification of President Biden's electoral college victory.

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Since January 6, death threats against Members of Congress have multiplied, and several individuals have been arrested. The threat of actual violence against Members is real, and it is growing.

So this resolution is vital to protecting our Members' safety, but it is also vital to stemming the pernicious wave of political violence rising across this country, which is why Representative GOSAR's video and his subsequent failure to publicly apologize or take full responsibility must be swiftly condemned.

Any Member who uses his public platform to depict physical violence against another Member and the President reflects extreme discredit on this body. Such conduct violates the most basic standards of collegiality, civil discourse, and public decency.

Clause 1 of our code of conduct requires Members to behave "at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House." If that rule is to have any meaning whatsoever, and if we are to fulfill our responsibility to uphold the reputation of the House, Representative GOSAR must face consequences for his conduct.

Our Republican colleagues make hollow appeals to process, claiming that this resolution wrongly bypasses the Ethics Committee. But the ultimate power to censure a Member and remove that Member from a committee rests with this House.

The committee can recommend such a sanction to the full House, but nothing in our rules requires the House to wait, nor should the House wait in this instance. Not when there is a clear and present need to remove Representative GOSAR from a committee on which Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ herself serves.

There are no unresolved questions of intent. It is clear from the video, and from Representative GOSAR's public comments minimizing it, that censure

is appropriate and his immediate removal from the Natural Resources and Oversight and Government Reform Committees is warranted.

That is why the House must take this action today and why I urge my colleagues to support the resolution. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR).

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address and reject the mischaracterized accusations from many in this body that the cartoon from my office is dangerous or threatening. It was not, and I reject the false narrative categorically.

I do not espouse violence toward anyone. I never have. It was not my purpose to make anyone upset.

I voluntarily took the cartoon down not because it was itself a threat, but because some thought it was. Out of compassion for those who genuinely felt offense, I self-censored.

Last week, my staff posted a video depicting a policy battle regarding amnesty for tens of millions of illegal aliens. This was an anime that speaks to young voters who are too often overlooked.

Even Twitter, the left's mouthpiece, did not remove the cartoon, noting it was in the public's interest for it to remain. The cartoon directly contributes to the understanding and the discussion of the real-life battle resulting from this administration's open border policies.

This body is considering passage of Mr. Biden's reckless, socialist/Marxist \$4.9 trillion spending bill that provides \$100 billion for amnesty to tens of millions of illegal aliens already in this country. This is what the left doesn't want the American people to know.

Our country is suffering from the plague of illegal immigration. I won't stop pointing this out.

Millions of illegal aliens, drugs, and human traffickers are being let in and moved around our country in the dead of night, all condoned by this administration.

For this cartoon, some in Congress suggest I should be punished. I have said decisively there is no threat in the cartoon other than the threat that immigration poses to our country, and no threat was intended by my staff or me.

The American people deserve to have their voices heard in Congress. No matter how much the left tries to quiet me, I will continue to speak out against amnesty for illegal aliens, defend the rule of law, and advance the America First agenda.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman.

Mr. GOSAR. If I must join Alexander Hamilton, the first person attempted to be censured by this House, so be it. It is done.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER), the author of this resolution.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I take no pleasure in introducing this resolution. No one asked me to introduce it, no one tapped me on the shoulder.

I am a victim of violence. I know what it is like. I also was in the gallery clamoring for life when the shots rang out in the Speaker's lobby.

We are here today because a sitting Member thought it was okay to post a deranged, animated video of himself killing a fellow Member of this House and also attacking the President of the United States. That video has been seen by three million people. It was up for over 2 days before it was taken down.

Inciting violence begets violence. Congresswoman OCASIO-CORTEZ has become the go-to subject of the radical right to stir up their base, as too often is the case for women of color. It is disgusting and profoundly unacceptable. Tragically, the minority leader has not condemned the video. For 8 days, he said nothing. Silence speaks volumes. Silence normalizes violence.

Violence against women in politics is a global phenomenon. A 2016 survey by the Inter-Parliamentary Union found that 82 percent of women parliamentarians have experienced psychological violence, and 44 percent have received threats of death, rape, beatings, or abduction.

The intent of these online threats against women is clear: Silence them, strip them of their power, and discourage them from running for office.

The Congressman defends his post, published with House resources and posted on his official Twitter and Instagram accounts. It didn't stop there. He sent an email to supporters that weekend stating that the "faux outrage" was "infantile"—this is not faux outrage. This is not infantile—and the accusations are "shrill" and "hyperventilating."

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to glean that this is gendered, coded language. The Congressman shows no remorse. In fact, yesterday the Congressman said, "I did not apologize."

Twenty-three Members of the House in the history of this country have been censured for actions including insulting the Speaker or using unparliamentary language. Certainly, conduct by a Member depicting murdering another Member of the House deserves censure.

Let me be clear. If a Democrat did the same thing, I would introduce the same resolution.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BAIRD).

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, today I rise because, in light of recent events, I no longer feel like I can stay silent.

The hypocrisy of this body considering the censuring and stripping of committee assignments of Representative GOSAR is illustrative of the inability of this body to effectively legislate.

It demonstrates why many Americans have lost all confidence in our ability to be and provide effective leadership.

I have found Mr. PAUL GOSAR to be an honorable and effective legislator, and I have found him to care deeply for his colleagues and America.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE).

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this censure resolution.

I watched this video, and I was sickened when I saw Mr. GOSAR depicting the killing of another Member of this body and brandishing swords at the President of the United States.

This kind of rhetoric is not just unfitting of a U.S. Representative, it is dangerous, and it can be deadly, as we saw on January 6 and in 2011 when an individual shot then-Congresswoman Gabby Giffords after Sarah Palin sent out a video with shooting targets on various congressional districts, including Gabby's.

This is not a joke. This is not about politics. It is about safety.

While healthy debate on the issues, on policy, is important, it is what keeps our democracy alive. This is not that. We cannot allow Members to encourage and incite violence, period.

Mr. GOSAR, you are no Alexander Hamilton. You must be held accountable.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are again reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS).

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, let's take a look at what Democrats are ignoring so they can censure a conservative Republican because he posted a cartoon they found offensive and which he took down himself:

More than two million illegal aliens crossing our border this calendar year;

Attorney General Garland deploying Federal agents to spy on parents;

Inflation driving gas prices up;

Everybody's Thanksgiving dinner is going up;

A vax mandate that is clearly unconstitutional;

A bankruptcy-inducing, bureaucracy-bloating spending bill by Democrats;

Supply chain in shambles;

Democrats consistently ignoring calls to violence and anti-Semitic statements of their own;

Foreign policy embarrassments;

Americans languishing behind in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan;

China, Iran, North Korea on the move.

Yeah, we have been ignoring those things. But we are here today.

I lived in Japan for several years. I speak Japanese. I read and write Japanese. This is an anime. It is "Shingeki no Kyojin", highly popular, stylized, intended to demonstrate the alienation people feel, particularly young people in their cultures.

Now, does anime have violence? Yes. It is highly stylized violence. It is not meant to induce people to violence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman.

Mr. BIGGS. It was not Mr. GOSAR's intention, I believe, and he has made that clear, to induce anyone to violence. Like he, I also condemn violence, but I would ask you to reconsider further usurping and taking control of this body for political purposes because that is what is happening here today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are again reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the House majority leader.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I think all of us would wish that we were not here on a subject of this gravity, on a subject so present in our society at large: The exhortation to violence to accomplish one's objectives.

I have been sitting here since we started the debate, which was about 45 minutes ago. So many get up and say, "I do not support violence," "I do not support this action," but I will do nothing about it.

Now, of course, they don't say the last sentence. They just don't do anything.

As I sat there as Mr. MCCARTHY was talking, I was thinking that he was getting up in my face and up in NANCY PELOSI's face. I think that is what he was doing. I expect that in vigorous debate.

They focused on a non-analogous action by a Member of this House, the chairman of the Financial Services Committee. Why did they do that? Because there is no analogous event to this one. In the 40-plus years that I have served here, there has never been a case like this. Never.

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This is not about control, as the majority leader would represent. It is about decency, democracy, and security, and the rule of law.

We have seen, Madam Speaker, over and over again in our politics that words matter, and actions matter even more. Vitriol, the glorification and promotion of violence, hate speech, and the failure to condemn all of these when they occur have created an atmosphere in our country, which sadly has now and too frequently been visited on this floor, that is not conducive to the exercise of free constitutional politics.

A former leader of my party Dick Gephardt said that democracy was a substitute for war, that we should settle our differences peacefully and non-violently.

The speech that has been the subject of this resolution whittles away at the

rule of law and the civility needed for constructive debate.

Indeed, violent words and images are too often a precursor to the practice of violence. We have seen that. We saw it on January 6 as the President of the United States incited and urged people to come to the Congress to stop democracy in its tracks.

And people wanted to hang the Vice President of the United States as a result of those words because he was not doing that because he thought it was not legal. He wanted to follow the law.

My friend Gabby Giffords and Senator KELLY know that all too well, that violent words and images are too often a precursor, as does Representative SPEIER who worked for the late Representative Leo Ryan and was herself badly injured in the shooting that took his life. My friend, the Republican whip, and his family know that words can encourage and result in violence. Last month, the family and constituents of Sir David Amess in the United Kingdom experienced the same pain.

All of us who were in this Capitol on January 6 and those who stood in defense of it know that pain.

The loved ones of Officers Sicknick, Liebengood, Smith, DeFreytag, and Hashida carry that pain with them every day.

Officer Evans' family, as well, has been carrying that pain since April.

Madam Speaker, so do the families of elected officials, journalists, and civil society leaders who have been killed or maimed by political violence across the world incited by rhetoric that is rationalized as acceptable in the political environment. And then, oh, I don't support violence. I don't know how that happened. Yes, I said in front of the White House, "Go down to the Capitol," and although it wasn't the exact words of "be violent," it is what those who came down here expected the exhortation to be.

It would be naive, Madam Speaker, to suppose that we can eradicate the promotion of violence in wider society, either in our country or abroad.

Such evil has always existed, and the internet and social media make it easier to disseminate that malicious type of speech.

But constitutional parliamentarians worldwide have long understood that in order to maintain the level of civility required to carry out the business of legislating for the people, we must have rules of decorum and limits on speech that would cause civil debate to devolve into uncivil attacks and political violence.

That is why we have rules in this House to enforce decorum and ensure civility. That is why we have rules of conduct, which the chairman of the Ethics Committee read a little earlier. It should be and is undebatable that this conduct violated that rule.

Those rules apply not only to this floor but everywhere a sitting Member engages in work relating to his or her service as a Representative.

When those rules were written, they did not anticipate that a Member would threaten violence directly against another Member. Not because it has never happened. A Congressman from South Carolina nearly beat to death a Senator from Massachusetts, Senator Sumner, because he wanted to abolish slavery. That, of course, was a crime.

In some countries threatening public officials is a crime. They didn't have to spell that out explicitly because it has always been understood that such behavior is unacceptable in this institution and incompatible with our service.

Indeed, any kindergartner, frankly, Madam Speaker, will tell you that such behavior is wrong anywhere.

The actions of Representative GOSAR this week and in weeks previously—much like the actions of Representative GREENE earlier this year—would convey a dangerous lesson to our children and teenagers that the opposite is true, that threatening violence against those with whom one disagrees is acceptable. It is not. That bullying and encouraging one's followers to menace another person or another group is somehow compatible with citizenship in a democracy and indeed a civilized society. It is not.

The resolution before us today is necessary because we in this House who speak for the American people must reflect, as the Speaker said, the highest standards of American society.

I just came from the Speaker's office not too long ago. I don't know how many of you have been there, but over the door it says it is Robert H. Michel Rooms.

I had the opportunity to serve with Robert Michel. Robert Michel was a Republican, and he was from Peoria, Illinois. He was one of the finest, most decent men that I have known, not just serving in the Congress of the United States, but have known. He said this: "Civility means being tough without being mean, being witty without being malicious, and . . . believing in the power of reason to influence public debate while still being aware of the power"—hear these last words—"being aware of the power of irrationality in public life."

This resolution, Madam Speaker, is necessary because when Members of Congress and other elected officials speak and act, our constituents and followers give great weight to our words and actions.

It is a way for them to rationalize unacceptable behavior as was done on January 6. It is disgusting, Madam Speaker, whenever someone out in the world tweets a threat of violence or hateful content.

But when a Member of this House does so, no matter how you rationalize it, no matter how you try to put lipstick on that pig, it is a threat of violence.

What Representative GOSAR did last week is not just worthy of censure, it demands it.

And for anyone who threatens to apply the same standard to Democrats in the future, as Ms. SPEIER said, I am with you. This is not about Republicans or Democrats; this is about decency. This is about security for our Members. This is about democracy, not violent overthrow or opposition.

I, for one, will join you in enforcing that standard on any Democrat who violates it. But I will tell you this, Madam Speaker, the analogies that the Republicans have been making limp badly.

I am certain my fellow Democrats will do the same. Because this is not about party, it is not about politics, it is not about partisanship. It is about decorum, civility, safety, and, yes, the rule of law that was trampled upon on January 6.

But this is not about January 6. This is about this incident of a Member using whatever medium you want to say on the public dime threatening and showing the killing of a Member of this House. Can't that appall you, even that act? Do you have no shame? Madam Speaker, those are the questions that I would ask.

No one—Democrat or Republican—ought to be allowed to engage in the promotion of violence against a fellow Member, or indeed, a fellow American. Because we know where the glorification and promotion of violence leads, and we have seen it. We have seen it this year and in previous years.

Piercing tweets become sharp knives. Fiery words bring out deadly firearms.

And cartoon killing begets real life bloodshed.

This resolution specifically addresses Representative GOSAR's actions, but it also reflects more generally, Madam Speaker, what I hope is a sentiment shared by Members from both parties that we have seen too much of violent speech in our politics and in this country, and it must end.

In February, when we considered a resolution relating to the violence-promoting and undecorous actions of Representative GREENE, I recalled the famous words of Edmund Burke, who viewed service in his nation's Parliament as the highest calling.

He said the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men and women—he did not add that but would today, certainly—that good men and good women do nothing.

Once again, the Republican leadership in this House has chosen to do nothing. It is interesting because a far lesser offense resulted in the removal of a Republican by the Republicans from committee, STEVE KING of Iowa.

So, again, the House, in light of that void, must take action.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on both sides of the aisle to uphold a standard that should be critical to us all. Some modicum of respect for those who are political opponents, Madam Speaker, and some restraint is in the way we depict them and ourselves.

Vote "yes" on this resolution.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER), the ranking member of the Oversight and Reform Committee.

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, during Democrat's leadership of the House, we have seen an unprecedented exercise of authority that only a Democrat could wield due to the authoritarian nature of the actions.

Democrat leadership has fined Republican Members for not masking, installed metal detectors, stripped another Republican of committee assignments, issued and sought to enforce sweeping subpoenas against the former President and his top advisers, and I am not just talking about subpoenas related to the events of January 6.

Democrats on the Oversight Committee are chilling, if not infringing, the First Amendment rights of advocacy groups, corporations, and individuals.

They have asked for communications between certain nonprofit organizations and certain Members' offices. These communications fall squarely within the right to petition and freely associate.

And today, we are debating a resolution to censure Dr. GOSAR for something he posted to his Twitter account.

While Republicans certainly do not condone violence and extreme behavior, my question for this body is: When will we exact punishment in an equitable—that is one of the favorite words of my Democrat colleagues—equitable manner?

Madam Speaker, we have Democrat colleagues who routinely call for violence in the streets, make anti-Semitic comments on Twitter, launch obscenities at our elected officials, and engage in inappropriate relationships with Chinese operatives.

Yet, Madam Speaker, these Democrats maintain even their leadership positions on prestigious and sensitive committees like the Intelligence Committee.

The last time we took this extraordinary step to censure a member of this House it was Congressman Rangel, and that was after a thorough Ethics Committee investigation into tax evasion, improper use of official resources, and other improper benefits.

Instead of solving America's crises—drugs flowing across the southern border, rising gas prices and grocery prices, and this ongoing pandemic—we are here on the floor debating the censure of Dr. GOSAR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman.

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote against this resolution.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. ESCOBAR), a member of the House Ethics Committee.

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Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, like Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ, I, too, have served in this House for 3 years, and I have found the dignity and respect that we deserve and owe one another in this Chamber has been severely lacking.

While my Democratic colleagues and I continue to work on critical legislation that improves the lives of Americans, Mr. GOSAR, a Member of the Republican Conference, has decided to focus on promoting xenophobia and fetishizing violence, fanning the flames of hate.

Words have power. My community knows that only too well. And the example we set as Members of Congress is followed by millions of Americans. Mr. GOSAR's actions continue to lower the bar, obliterate standards for respect and civility, and make this workplace unsafe by targeting a colleague—a woman of color. I would like to note that women of color are frequent targets of hateful rhetoric and attacks like these.

In any other environment, someone like Mr. GOSAR would have immediately faced termination, would have to live with the consequences of his dangerous actions and words, but not in the Republican Conference.

Mr. GOSAR's video, which glorifies the gruesome killing of our colleague and a violent attack against our President should have sparked immediate condemnation and action by the minority leader and his entire conference. But instead, we are told to relax, and we are threatened, told that if we dare take action, we will face retaliation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 15 seconds to the gentlewoman.

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman.

Madam Speaker, I say to my colleagues, when you give hate, racism, and violence cover, you give it life. With this vote, we are saying “not on our watch.”

Madam Speaker, I invite my Republican colleagues to do what is right and support this resolution.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY).

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, my colleague just referenced the phrase “any other environment” that there would be some consequences. Well, this is not any other environment. This is the House of Representatives. We have constituents who elect us, send us to Washington to represent them, engage in debate, engage in often heated discussions with each other. This is not the same.

One of the fundamental problems we have as a Chamber right now is that it is being treated that way. It is being treated that way by the majority.

Shutting down our ability to engage in actual debate; shutting down our ability to move about the Chamber wearing these masks; talking about right now with CMS and what is happening, as early as December 5, doctors in San Antonio, Texas, which I represent, being unable to perform their tasks as doctors, potentially resulting in loss of life and being able to carry out their livelihoods through vaccine mandates.

We have got untold harm occurring in South Texas with bodies in body trailers. We have got people dying. We have got actual consequences from these vaccine mandates causing people to lose their jobs, whether it is OSHA-related, private-sector jobs, military, defense, border patrol; all this happening as we head towards December 3 with a potential government shutdown. And this is what we are having an actual debate on the floor of the House for.

I have not seen this Chamber look like this since I have been in Congress where we are debating an issue and we have got 100 Members on the floor. We are down here usually giving speeches to an empty Chamber.

Now, look, let me be clear. I would not have posted that video. I would have told my staff I don't want to do that, if I knew what was in it, okay? But the video that was posted was an effort to make a point.

The SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman.

Mr. ROY. And we are now getting into the business of chilling debate and discussion about censoring our Members and going down the road of pulling each other off of committees. Where is this going to end? When Republicans are back in majority, where is that going to end?

When my colleague, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, in January called my former boss and my good friend, TED CRUZ, an attempted murderer, and I sent a letter to the leader saying, I am not asking for her to be stripped from committees but just to apologize, it was met with utter silence.

I called then and I call now for us to drop that down and actually engage in debate on the issues that matter, actually engage in debate on what is occurring right now in America where people are getting harmed with vaccine mandates, tyranny, and open borders.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA).

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, Representative GOSAR's behavior is alarming, unacceptable, and should never, ever be tolerated.

The official communication accounts of a Member of the United States Congress should never in any way show or encourage violence against a colleague or threaten the President of the United States.

On January 6, we personally experienced the consequences of allowing this

kind of viciousness and vulgarity. Put simply, violent images in our politics encourages violence against any of us. No one, especially women and women of color, should fear coming to do the work they were elected to do for the people.

We must encourage our women to lead, not silence them by tolerating threats like Congressman GOSAR's. As Members of Congress, we must set an example for the entire country instead of encouraging violence against others. It is our moral imperative to be collegial to one another. It is our responsibility to hold ourselves accountable. And it is our obligation to protect the integrity and honor of the United States Congress.

Madam Speaker, children are watching. The world is watching. We must do better.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. ARMSTRONG).

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Madam Speaker, I was in Minneapolis the Saturday that speech was given, so to say that it wasn't analogous, I think, is fairly uncertain. The entire town was a tinderbox.

So as we continue to move through this, I would appreciate a little less of the self-righteous indignation. What is really damaging here and what is really unfortunate is that we have abandoned any recognition of institutional integrity, any pretense of fairness, any notion that something should be above partisanship.

Because I got news—and I believe this—I thought what was said in Minneapolis doesn't rise to incitement of violence. Jury tampering, possibly. Irresponsible, absolutely. The same thing goes for this post. It was dumb. It was silly. It was stupid. It was mean-spirited. But you know what it is not? It is not incitement of violence. And when we use hyperbole in those words, we cause ourselves problems, but there is no point and attempt with the majority at this point to follow through on any rules or procedures.

The U.S. House of Representatives looks significantly more like a junior high lunchroom than a legislative body. If you are in our clique, you are okay. If not, tough. If we like you, no fines. If we don't, we will take it out of your paycheck. A Member on your side calls for violence, motion to table; a Member on our side, stand in the well and answer for your sins. Rules matter, process matters, the institution matters.

Madam Speaker, this will be the fourth Member of the minority stripped of their committees by the majority this Congress. That has never happened before, but it is going to happen again.

And that is what I don't understand. I understand completely why the majority's leadership is willing to do anything to maintain control over the caucus until the next election. But in the process, you are all negatively and permanently changing the way this body

functions—forever. You are weaponizing the gavel against minority Members. And if you think it stops at the next election, I have no doubt that the leadership in the majority has no intention of going back to being a rank-and-file Member in the minority, but the rest of you all will. And how do you think this ends? When the pendulum swings, and it will, we are all going to suffer the consequences.

The SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Madam Speaker, the institution is going to suffer for it, and it is already suffering for it.

Committee structures, scheduling hearings, witness lists, these are all purviews of the majority. But rules of conduct and decorum have to be applied equally to all Members or the institution continues to degrade.

Madam Speaker, the rules are not being applied equally. It is noticed by us. It is noticed by the American people. It is unfortunate, and it is sad.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are again reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN), the House majority whip.

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this censure resolution. Today's action is necessary due to Representative GOSAR's shocking depiction of a murder of a colleague and a violent attack against the President of the United States. This incendiary behavior cannot go unaddressed. The minority leader's failure to hold his conference Member accountable leaves us no choice but to proceed with this action.

I often refer to the Hall of this House as America's classroom. As Members of this august body, we should conduct ourselves in the way that we want our students to emulate. Mr. GOSAR's behavior fails our students, fails our colleagues, and fails our Nation and ideals we espouse.

Madam Speaker, I urge a unanimous vote for this resolution.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOOD).

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Madam Speaker, as my colleagues before me have said, this is not about Mr. GOSAR. This is about hypocrisy from the majority and the double standard. Does anyone in this Chamber think we would be here today if the exact situation was reversed? Clearly, we would not be here today.

Madam Speaker, the American people don't care about what we are doing here today. When we get back to our districts next week, no one will ask us, Well, what about the cartoon video?

What happened with that? The media cares—as we can see here today—my colleagues across the aisle care because they have an opportunity again here. But what our hardworking constituents care about is the disastrous policies enacted by this administration and the majority; the disastrous policies, none of which are working.

We cannot point to one thing in the country that is going well under these disastrous policies. The border invasion, the rising gas prices, the out-of-control inflation, the reckless spending of our children's future, the failure in Afghanistan, the failure of our standing around the world. There is not one issue—rising crime—nothing they can point to.

So instead, we point to a distraction here today to pretend that this matters to the American people. We have got this faux outrage, as others who have said, because the Rasmussen poll said just this week that on the generic ballot Republicans are up by 13 percent, but the tone-deaf majority is trying to ram through as much of their partisan agenda as they can.

But what they are going to find out is America spoke two weeks ago in the election, and there are many of their constituents, and now former Democrats who spoke two weeks ago as well, and they are saying, what in the world are we doing here on the House floor today? We are stalling before we try to pass a radical build back bankrupt Bernie and AOC's budget bill. And here we are today trying to punish a Member, another ounce of flesh, trying to silence Republican voices on committees.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote against this sham bill and resolution.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ).

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise to urge the censure and the removal from committees of Mr. GOSAR for portraying the murder of a fellow colleague and promoting violence against immigrants. We know that promoting visions of violence and spreading false, hateful rhetoric foments actual violence. January 6 taught us that. And surely, we cannot use taxpayers' own money to promote violent images and conduct directed at other Members.

I still see bedside visions of my friend, Gabby Giffords, fighting for her life after being shot at a district event, her aide already dead. I shudder to recall our own colleague, Mr. SCALISE, limping to this very Chamber on a cane because someone tried to assassinate him. Explosive residue still clings to a stairwell outside my district office where a pipe bomb, sent by a deranged Trump supporter and handled by my staff later, had to be safely detonated.

The history of violence aimed at women and people of color and those

who defend them are among humankind's worst chapters.

Madam Speaker, it is ironic that Mr. GOSAR compares himself to Alexander Hamilton and another Member condones the stylized violence portrayed by Mr. GOSAR, because Hamilton was actually killed by accepted high-class violence in his day in a duel.

Madam Speaker, promoting and glorifying such conduct cannot be condoned or ignored by this body. Voting to censure Mr. GOSAR today firmly denounces it unequivocally.

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Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS).

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, America is being crushed under the oppressive weight of the Democrats' greed for lust and power. They want totalitarian control over every aspect of American life, and they are ruling the people's House as if they were royalty. America is dissolving under our feet, and Democrats are worried about cartoons.

In Afghanistan, Democrats led the betrayal of American honor and abandonment of American citizens, granting control of the Afghan theater to Taliban terrorists and arming those jihadist terrorists with billions of dollars worth of American weapons systems.

Our southern border control has disintegrated, American sovereignty lost, and control of our own border completely ceded to criminal cartels.

American parents are tracked like terrorists and persecuted by our own FBI because parents had the audacity to challenge government indoctrination of their children, assembling to redress their grievances at their own school boards in their own communities. American parents are treated like criminals.

Americans are dealing with unbelievable inflation. Families cannot afford groceries and fuel.

Millions of Americans are being commanded by Federal decree to choose between losing their job or kneeling to comply with an unconstitutional, mandated medical procedure.

And the oppressors intend to distract you with cartoons.

Over the Speaker's podium are forever etched the words "In God We Trust." Scripture says: A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Madam Speaker, I stand today with my brother PAUL GOSAR because I stand against oppression and persecution.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. JONES), an Ethics Committee member.

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, not since the Civil War has Congress operated under the constant threat of violence from some of its own Members, but here we are. That is the behavior that Mr. GOSAR has encouraged.

Maybe I shouldn't be surprised, having watched so many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle incite and then express support for the insurrectionists who nearly killed us in this Chamber on January 6.

We cannot let the Republican Party make Congress the only workplace in America where violence against your coworkers is not a crime but a credential.

If we don't hold people like Mr. GOSAR accountable, we will only embolden the worst people in our politics to bring their fever dreams to life.

That is why, today, we are standing up for the safety of our colleagues, for the safety of Congresswoman OCASIO-CORTEZ, and for the future of our democracy.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT).

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I looked at the video anime and was trying to figure it out. I couldn't see it. I am told if you stop it frame by frame, you can see what my Democrat friends are talking about. I couldn't see it. I tried to freeze-frame, and I saw what I was told was supposed to be our colleague, Congresswoman OCASIO-CORTEZ. I was insulted for her. If that is supposed to be her, that is really unfair.

Madam Speaker, I didn't see the violence being talked about. We should not condone violence. The reason it is so hard to sit here and listen to the condemnation from the other side is because when there was violence against us, there was no condemnation.

My wife and I went to a speech at the White House, and I have yet to hear anybody condemn the attempted violence on us. We were chased for two blocks. RAND PAUL was on TV when he was chased because he had cameras and Secret Service around him. We didn't have that.

If it weren't for a guy popping up and opening a locked door, we would have—I told Kathy: Look, I am afraid they are going to get here before this door is opened. You run on down to Pennsylvania Avenue. There are cops down there. They will be beating on me; you just get away.

Nobody has condemned all that violence that I have ever heard.

This is where we ought to be able to come together. Oh, and by the way, people who committed violence and did crimes in this building need to be punished. For many of them, the most serious crime was obstructing an official session of Congress.

I didn't know it was a crime in 2016, but most of the Democratic Party committed a felony right here in this Chamber by obstructing an official session of Congress, not 6 hours like January 6, but 26 hours.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman

SPEIER for her leadership as well as Chairman DEUTCH and the Speaker for bringing this with urgency.

Representative GOSAR used taxpayer-funded resources to publicize a cartoon of him killing one of our House colleagues, Congresswoman OCASIO-CORTEZ, and threatening to kill the President.

When Republicans don't condemn death threats against their colleagues and the President, it sends a message to the public that these threats are condoned. Their silence and misrepresentation in light of these threats speak volumes.

Now, it might be easy for Mr. GOSAR to shrug this off as a joke, but it is not only Members of Congress but women and people of color throughout the country who deal daily with the threat of physical violence. This is no laughing matter.

As someone who for decades has had to live with death threats, this is a moment when we need to say enough is enough. Hate speech leads to hate violence. Death threats can lead to death. Threats to murder people can lead to criminal charges.

This is the minimum we need to do. It reinforces that this behavior will not be tolerated.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN), the ranking member on the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, as we speak, the FBI is treating parents as terrorists. The Department of Justice is getting ready to pay people \$450,000 who illegally entered our country. And Democrats in Congress later this week plan to spend \$2 trillion more, which we all know will only exacerbate the already 30-year-high inflation.

What are they doing today? Censuring a Member for a cartoon. You have got to be kidding me. You have got to be kidding me.

What scares me most about all of this is the attack that we have seen on the First Amendment over the last year from the left, from the Democratic Party. They are attacking moms for standing up and speaking at a school board meeting. There are still places in this country where a full congregation cannot meet on a Sunday morning, stopping Americans from exercising their First Amendment freedom of religion rights.

The Speaker of the House stopped Americans from petitioning their Member of Congress to redress their grievances and wouldn't even let them in their own Capitol.

Now, here we go again, censoring speech. The most fundamental liberty we have is our right to speak, our right to talk, our right to communicate, and they are going after that today because they don't like freedom. You can see it. They don't like it.

This is wrong. We know it is wrong, what they are doing to our colleague,

Mr. GOSAR. I hope they will have second thoughts and that we will vote this down.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1¼ minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PHILLIPS), an Ethics Committee member.

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Speaker, I love freedom. I love George Washington. I keep this book on my desk, "George Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour." I encourage every colleague in this body—every one of us—to keep this on your desk and refer to it.

I have heard everything talked about today—inflation, Afghanistan, schools—except the issue we are here for: a censure of a Member of Congress who issued a despicable video showing the killing of a fellow Member of Congress.

Worst of all, most despicable of all, the object of the censure said it was to attract a new generation. Think about that: to attract a new generation of Americans.

We have to do better, my friends. Come on.

To my friend from Virginia who said, if Democrats had done this, what would we do? Rest assured, my friends, every one of you, we would do the same thing because I will never ever allow a fellow Member of Congress to threaten or distribute a video showing the killing of one of us, let alone another American.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Mrs. BOEBERT).

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, Democrat policies are so pathetic and have done so poorly that the left has nothing else to do but troll the internet, looking for ways to get offended, and then try to target Members and strip them of their committees. This is a dumb waste of the House's time. But since the Speaker has designated the floor to discuss Members' inappropriate actions, shall we?

The jihad squad member from Minnesota has paid her husband—and not her brother husband, the other one—over a million dollars in campaign funds. This Member is allowed on the Foreign Affairs Committee while praising terrorists.

A Democrat chairwoman incited further violence in the streets outside of a courthouse.

Then the cherry on top, my colleague and 3-month Presidential candidate from California, who is on the Intelligence Committee, slept with Fang Fang, a Chinese spy. Let me say that again. A Member of Congress who received classified briefings was sleeping with the enemy.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. WILD), an Ethics Committee member.

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, as Maya Angelou said, "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."

Despite PAUL GOSAR's history of dangerous rhetoric, and despite his conduct showing him to be a dangerous extremist, he is still here in Congress. Now he has depicted himself killing one of our colleagues and the President of the United States.

Never doubt that leaders' calls for violence can lead to actual violence. We have seen it throughout the world, and we have seen it right here on January 6.

Nor should the actions of his taxpayer-paid staff in creating and disseminating this vile video be ignored. They are grown adults, and they have cultivated a hostile work environment for the subject of this disgusting video and for her staff.

PAUL GOSAR has glorified violence against a duly elected official who came here to serve her district. She, nor any of us, sign up for this kind of abuse. Our families should not have to live with the fear that we will be the subject of violent attacks.

PAUL GOSAR has shown who he is. Believe him. Censure him.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. RICE).

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, with so many real problems facing Americans created by the Biden administration—open borders, soaring gas prices, sky-high grocery bills, and our embarrassment in Afghanistan—my friends across the aisle assemble us here today to debate a cartoon.

Political cartoons routinely depict violence. It is not new. Cartoons have depicted violence since there were cartoons.

If you don't believe me, google "political cartoons 2021." You will see a depiction of Joe Biden killing a Republican with a steamroller and a Republican elephant trampling voters, among many others.

Now, I will ask all of you out there to watch the Gosar cartoon that is occupying the floor of the United States Congress for over an hour today. Is it inappropriate? Yes. Childish? Of course. Stupid? Without question. But is it a threat? Absolutely not.

Now, I know some Members may need to seek therapy because they saw this cartoon. But is it a threat? Absolutely not.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK), the Assistant Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, it started with a white supremacist online fringe movement, and it turned into a deadly January 6 insurrection.

Now I stand before you because a Member of this body has once again had her life threatened, but this time by a colleague who posted a video of killing her on his official account. Think about that.

It is no coincidence that the recipients of this violence are most often

women and women of color because this violence is directly connected to sexism and racism.

We cannot and must not accept this behavior. Silence and excuses are condoning it. And the excuses we have heard today—this is okay because it is a highly stylized killing; it is a cartoon; it was some sort of youth outreach—are grotesque.

Enough is enough. Vote for this resolution. Vote for censure. Vote for decency.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR), who is the vice chair of the Democratic Caucus.

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, when an armed mob stormed the Capitol earlier this year, they did so under the belief that political violence was an acceptable means to an end. As leaders and as Members of this body, every one of us has a responsibility to stand up and to make clear that way of thinking is unacceptable.

We have a responsibility here to work together to keep our colleagues, our staff, and all of the people who work in this building safe. That goal becomes more difficult when Members are making open threats of violence on social media.

It is not acceptable for a Member of Congress to insinuate that they want to violently kill another Member, and we need to directly respond to this threat.

Today, we have an opportunity to send a strong, unified, bipartisan message against this kind of conduct.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on the resolution to ensure accountability and recommit ourselves to the safety of every Member and future Member of this body.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES), who is the chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this censure resolution. Inciting violence is unacceptable. Threatening to kill a colleague, the President of the United States, or any American, is unacceptable.

I rise to make it clear that we have an opportunity today to choose decency over demonization, to choose civility over cynicism, and to choose the rule of law over recklessly violent behavior. That is why the House of Representatives is acting and acting decisively. We cannot normalize violence today, we cannot normalize violence tomorrow, and we cannot normalize violence at any point moving forward in our future. The House will hold PAUL GOSAR accountable for his violent and deplorable behavior whether the cover-up caucus likes it or not.

Madam Speaker, vote "yes" on this censure resolution.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ).

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, serving in public office is and should be a sacred responsibility, and that responsibility calls upon us to condemn hate when we see it. If we let hate fester and spread, then it will destroy us. That is why one in three women have been attacked violently in this country and around the world.

But instead of apologizing today, Republicans chose to vilify immigrants yet again which is an outrage when the victim is herself a Latina.

Madam Speaker, do you remember the gunman who traveled to El Paso to kill Mexicans after Republican politicians demonized them?

Scripture says: Love thy neighbor as thyself.

And we must also love this institution. It is the love for this institution and the love for our fellow Members which is calling upon us to pass this resolution.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I absolutely reject violence and calls for violence against any Member of Congress or anyone else. But by rushing this vote to the floor today and ignoring the process, the majority is setting a precedent that I fear may not serve this institution well in the future.

The majority should withdraw this resolution, and, if it chooses, pursue this matter properly through law enforcement and/or the Ethics Committee.

If the resolution is not withdrawn, then I am going to vote "no" and hope at some point that the Ethics Committee will, once again, serve this body as it was intended.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to vote "no," and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Madam Speaker, none of us wants to be here today revisiting the violent imagery and the vile, hateful content that Representative GOSAR delighted in disseminating over his official social media accounts—material defended over and over and over today by our colleagues.

Had Republican leadership acted as they should have to hold their own Members accountable when they breach the most basic standards of decorum and decency, we wouldn't be here. Yet, the House cannot ignore

Representative GOSAR's conduct as Republicans would have us do.

January 6 must serve as a reminder of just how important this action is that we are about to take. On January 6, violence stoked by hateful imagery and inflammatory rhetoric over social media found its way to the steps of the United States Capitol and the doors of this Chamber.

On that day, insurrectionists broke those windows right near where I stand. Capitol Police officers drew their weapons, and Members bravely blocked the entrance. Heroes valiantly repelled the attack on our democracy.

On this day, with our votes on this resolution, let us reject the notion that it is ever acceptable for a Member of Congress to threaten the safety of a fellow Member or depict the murder of a fellow Member. Let this resolution serve as an unwavering statement that never in this House should this type of horrific, violent imagery be deemed acceptable.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to smash the partisan lens through which they view this behavior and this debate. I ask all of my colleagues to support safety, civility, and decency by voting for H. Res. 789.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, Representative GOSAR is a member of this institution as am I, and as is Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ, and so are roughly fifty other women of color.

We all walk the same hallways and took the same oath of office. We are here to serve our districts and the American people. The graphic video that Rep. GOSAR posted violates every sense of mutual respect that we should have for one another. Not only that, but it also dangerously promotes violence towards a sitting member of Congress who is a powerful Latina. It's exactly the type of misogynistic and racist recklessness that the previous President deployed, and social media companies eventually stripped him of his accounts.

Rep. GOSAR needs to be held accountable for this and that's what we are doing today. We need to deliver a message that in the people's house, this dangerous behavior will not be tolerated.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 795, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble, as amended.

The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 223, nays 207, answered “present” 1, not voting 3, as follows:

[Roll No. 379]

YEAS—223

Adams	Golden	O'Halleran
Aguiar	Gomez	Ocasio-Cortez
Allred	Gonzalez,	Omar
Auchincloss	Vicente	Pallone
Axne	Gottheimer	Panetta
Barragán	Green, Al (TX)	Pappas
Bass	Grijalva	Pascarella
Beatty	Harder (CA)	Payne
Bera	Hayes	Pelosi
Beyer	Higgins (NY)	Perlmutter
Bishop (GA)	Himes	Peters
Blumenauer	Horsford	Phillips
Blunt Rochester	Houlahan	Pingree
Bonamici	Hoyer	Pocan
Bourdeaux	Huffman	Porter
Bowman	Jackson Lee	Pressley
Boyle, Brendan F.	Jacobs (CA)	Price (NC)
Brown (MD)	Jayapal	Quigley
Brown (OH)	Jeffries	Raskin
Brownley	Johnson (GA)	Rice (NY)
Bush	Johnson (TX)	Ross
Bustos	Jones	Roybal-Allard
Butterfield	Kahele	Ruiz
Carbajal	Kaptur	Ruppersberger
Cárdenas	Keating	Rush
Carson	Kelly (IL)	Ryan
Carter (LA)	Khanna	Sánchez
Cartwright	Kildee	Sarbanes
Case	Kilmer	Scanlon
Casten	Kim (NJ)	Schakowsky
Castor (FL)	Kind	Schiff
Castro (TX)	Kinzing	Schneider
Cheney	Kirkpatrick	Schrader
Chu	Krishnamoorthi	Schrier
Ciulline	Kuster	Scott (VA)
Clark (MA)	Lamb	Scott, David
Clarke (NY)	Langevin	Sewell
Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Sherrill
Cohen	Lawrence	Sires
Connolly	Lawson (FL)	Slotkin
Cooper	Lee (CA)	Smith (WA)
Correa	Lee (NV)	Soto
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Spanberger
Courtney	Levin (CA)	Speier
Craig	Levin (MI)	Stansbury
Crist	Lieu	Stanton
Crow	Lofgren	Stevens
Cuellar	Lowenthal	Strickland
Davids (KS)	Luria	Suozzi
Davis, Danny K.	Lynch	Swalwell
Dean	Malinowski	Takano
DeFazio	Maloney,	Thompson (CA)
DeGette	Carolyn B.	Thompson (MS)
DeLauro	Maloney, Sean	Titus
DelBene	Manning	Tlaib
Delgado	Matsui	Tonko
Demings	McBath	Torres (CA)
DeSaulnier	McCollum	Torres (NY)
Deutch	McEachin	Trahan
Dingell	McGovern	Trone
Doggett	McNerney	Underwood
Doyle, Michael F.	Meeks	Vargas
Escobar	Meng	Veasey
Eshoo	Mfume	Vela
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Evans	Morelle	Wasserman
Fletcher	Moulton	Schultz
Foster	Mryan	Waters
Frankel, Lois	Murphy (FL)	Watson Coleman
Gallego	Nadler	Welch
Garamendi	Napolitano	Wexton
Garcia (IL)	Neal	Wild
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	Newman	Wilson (FL)
	Norcross	Yarmuth

NAYS—207

Aderholt	Bost	Cloud
Allen	Brady	Clyde
Amodei	Brooks	Cole
Armstrong	Buchanan	Comer
Arrington	Buck	Crawford
Babin	Bucshon	Crenshaw
Bacon	Budd	Curtis
Baird	Burchett	Davidson
Balderson	Burgess	Davis, Rodney
Banks	Calvert	DesJarlais
Barr	Cammack	Diaz-Balart
Bentz	Carey	Donalds
Bergman	Carl	Duncan
Bice (OK)	Carter (GA)	Dunn
Biggs	Carter (TX)	Ellzey
Bilirakis	Cawthorn	Emmer
Bishop (NC)	Chabot	Estes
Boebert	Cline	Fallon

Feenstra	Joyce (PA)	Rice (SC)
Ferguson	Katko	Rodgers (WA)
Fischbach	Keller	Rogers (AL)
Fitzgerald	Kelly (MS)	Rogers (KY)
Fitzpatrick	Kelly (PA)	Rose
Fleischmann	Kim (CA)	Rosendale
Fortenberry	Kustoff	Rouzer
Fox	LaHood	Roy
Franklin, C.	LaMalfa	Rutherford
Scott	Lamborn	Salazar
Fulcher	Latta	Scalise
Gaetz	LaTurner	Schweikert
Gallagher	Lesko	Scott, Austin
Garbarino	Letlow	Sessions
Garcia (CA)	Long	Simpson
Gibbs	Lucas	Smith (MO)
Gimenez	Luetkemeyer	Smith (NE)
Gohmert	Mace	Smith (NJ)
Gonzales, Tony	Malliotakis	Smucker
Gonzalez (OH)	Mann	Spartz
Good (VA)	Massie	Staubert
Gooden (TX)	Mast	Steel
Gosar	McCarthy	Stefanik
Granger	McCaul	Steil
Graves (LA)	McClain	Steube
Graves (MO)	McClintock	Stewart
Green (TN)	McHenry	Taylor
Greene (GA)	McKinley	Tenney
Grothman	Meijer	Thompson (PA)
Guest	Meuser	Tiffany
Guthrie	Miller (IL)	Timmons
Hagedorn	Miller (WV)	Turner
Harris	Miller-Meeks	Upton
Harshbarger	Moolenaar	Valadao
Hartzler	Mooney	Van Drew
Hern	Moore (AL)	Van Dyne
Herrell	Moore (UT)	Wagner
Herrera Beutler	Mullin	Walberg
Hice (GA)	Murphy (NC)	Walorski
Higgins (LA)	Nehls	Waltz
Hill	Newhouse	Weber (TX)
Hinson	Norman	Webster (FL)
Hollingsworth	Nunes	Wenstrup
Hudson	Oberholte	Westerman
Huizenga	Owens	Williams (TX)
Issa	Palazzo	Wilson (SC)
Jackson	Palmer	Wittman
Jacobs (NY)	Pence	Womack
Johnson (LA)	Pfleger	Young
Johnson (OH)	Posey	Zeldin
Johnson (SD)	Reed	
Jordan	Reschenthaler	

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Joyce (OH)

NOT VOTING—3

Griffith Loudermilk Perry

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So the resolution was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE
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Amodei	Kildee	Reed (Walorski)
(Balderson)	(Butterfield)	Rice (NY)
Auchincloss	Kirkpatrick	(Murphy (FL))
(Clark (MA))	(Stanton)	Roybal-Allard
Banks (Walorski)	Lawrence	(McCollum)
Blumenauer	(Beatty)	Rush (Quigley)
(Beyer)	Lawson (FL)	Stevens (Lee
Carter (LA)	(Evans)	(NV))
(Kahele)	Lesko (Joyce	Swalwell
Cawthorn (Nehls)	(PA))	(Gomez)
DeFazio (Brown	Levin (MI)	Tlaib (Bowman)
(MD))	(Raskin)	Underwood
Dingell (Clark	Lowenthal	(Casten)
(MA))	(Beyer)	Waltz (Salazar)
Gonzalez (OH)	McEachin	Wilson (FL)
(Armstrong)	(Wexton)	(Hayes)
Kelly (IL)	Nunes (Garcia	
(Clarke (NY))	(CA))	
Khanna (Gomez)	Porter (Wexton)	

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) present himself in the well.

By its adoption of House Resolution 789, the House has resolved that Representative PAUL GOSAR of Arizona be censured; that Representative PAUL GOSAR forthwith present himself in the

well of the House for the pronouncement of censure; that Representative PAUL GOSAR be censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker; and that Representative PAUL GOSAR be, and is hereby, removed from the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE LARRY HOPKINS

(Mr. BARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues from the Kentucky delegation to honor the life of a true American patriot, former Congressman Larry Hopkins, who served in this body from 1979 to 1993 and passed away early yesterday.

Throughout his extraordinary career in public service, Larry served in the Kentucky State legislature and for over a decade in Congress in the seat I now hold.

Larry's career in public service began as a U.S. marine in 1954. It was that love for the military that Larry would bring with him to the Congress, where he rose to become the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee.

Larry's humor was famous with both his constituents and his colleagues, always offering a disarming joke to lighten the mood or evoking a good laugh.

Above all, Madam Speaker, Congressman Hopkins was proud of his work across the aisle and the relationships he had with all his colleagues, Republicans and Democrats alike.

In these divided times, let us be inspired by the legacy of Congressman Larry Hopkins to come together and solve the problems of our day not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans who all love our country.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in praying for Larry's family: his wife, Carolyn; and three children, Shae, Tara, and Josh.

I now ask that the House observe a moment of silence to honor the life of Congressman Larry Hopkins. God bless Larry Hopkins.

BUILD BACK BETTER IS HISTORIC LEGISLATION

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, Build Back Better not only meets long-awaited critical needs, such as clean energy technology, it is fully paid for, unlike the 2001 and 2017 tax cuts under Republican Presidents.

This is because the largest corporations and the highest income Americans will pay their fair share, are not rewarded for shipping jobs and profits

overseas, and will have more difficulty avoiding IRS compliance.

Moreover, 17 Nobel Prize-winning economists say the bill's investments enhance productive participation in our economy and ease the long-term inflation pressure that is the frontline concern of Americans today.

Congress will make history by passing this historic legislation.

DADS ON DUTY

(Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer much-deserved recognition to the group of faithful fathers known as Dads on Duty, who have stepped up to serve as role models for the students at Southwood High School in my hometown of Shreveport. Since the dads came to school, instances of disruptive behavior have plummeted, and spirits have been raised to new heights.

These Dads on Duty walk the halls every day and talk to students about personal responsibility, self-discipline, and strong work ethic. They are there to encourage the kids and set an example in their words and in their actions. It is irrefutable the role that fathers play in the life of a child. And now since these dads have made it a point of engaging directly with the kids at Southwood, school fights haven't been a problem, grades and attitudes have risen, and the whole Nation's attention has been drawn to this inspirational endeavor.

They have made an incredible difference in the lives of everyone involved. So we want to say thank you to the Dads on Duty for their incredible work and extraordinary example. May it be duplicated nationwide.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MANNING). Members are reminded not to traffic the well while another Member is under recognition.

WE MUST ACT ON THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on my colleagues to act on the opioid epidemic roiling our Nation.

Today, we learned that between May of 2020 and April of 2021, more than 100,000 Americans died of drug overdoses, a grim, grim record.

Drug overdoses now surpass deaths from car crashes and gun violence. Fentanyl alone was responsible for more overdoses than there were in all of 2016, just five years ago.

We must expand access to medications like naloxone, which reverse an opioid overdose, and mental health services to crack down on overdose deaths from synthetics and opioids. Congress cannot do it alone.

In every community across the country, there are dedicated public servants and committed groups working to combat these figures and help individuals and families. Groups like the Lake County Opioid Initiative in my district, cofounded by Mike Nerheim and Chelsea Laliberte-Barnes.

After 8 years, Mike is stepping down as chair, and Chelsea is stepping up. I thank Mike for his leadership, and as the cofounder and advocacy strategist for Live4Lali. I know Chelsea will continue the great work of LCOI at this critical time.

Now Congress must help Mike, Chelsea, and the countless others around the country for whom this fight is so personal.

PARENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS

(Mr. ROSENDALE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I rise to condemn Merrick Garland targeting parents who express their views on how their children are educated.

Recently, parents have risen up to voice their opposition to schools indoctrinating their children with critical race theory, but Merrick Garland won't stand for folks exercising their parental rights.

Merrick Garland testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that he didn't think parents getting angry at school boards constitute domestic terrorism, and that he could not imagine a circumstance where they would be labeled as domestic terrorism.

Despite this, it is now clear Garland has weaponized the FBI's counterterrorism division against concerned parents, using threat tags to label and surveil them as domestic terror threats.

Parents have a right and an obligation to voice their opinion on how their children are educated, and I wholeheartedly agree critical race theory has no place in our classrooms.

Weaponizing the FBI against concerned parents is dangerous and an absolute disgrace.

Merrick Garland must resign immediately. Thank God he isn't on the Supreme Court.

MINNESOTANS NEED BUILD BACK BETTER

(Ms. OMAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Minnesotans who are facing the highest housing affordability and childcare affordability crisis, a massive racial wealth and education gap.

I rise because Minnesotans spend an average of \$16,000 a year on childcare, as much as they spend on mortgage payments, and Build Back Better would address it.

I rise because the people of my district have faced the worst housing shortage in the entire country and Build Back Better would create a housing acquisition fund to address it.

I rise because we need good union jobs and Build Back Better would invest in a civilian climate corps, AmeriCorps, and home healthcare workers being paid fair wages.

I rise because the people of my district need the Build Back Better, and they can't wait any longer.

CONGRATULATING KATIE HEARN

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Katie Hearn for her appointment to the Georgia State Rehabilitation Council.

Beginning as an intern for the Atlanta Braves, this year's world champions, Katie's passion for the Braves community propelled her to a full-time position within the organization. However, at the age of 28, Katie was diagnosed with a rare brain disorder that caused her to lose her sight.

Her illness forced her to step down from her position as she adjusted to her new normal, but Katie is resilient and soon returned to the Atlanta Braves, where she currently works as a senior coordinator for digital and accessible services.

Katie has always been committed to ensuring every visitor has an incredible experience in Truist Park.

In 2018 the Braves awarded her with the Walker Banks Award for her extraordinary customer service.

Katie's passion for providing opportunities to Georgians with disabilities to live, work, and thrive in our State is truly inspiring.

I am honored to recognize Katie for this prestigious accomplishment, and I am grateful for her service.

HISTORIC LEGISLATION EMPOWERS THE GREAT LAKES REGION

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud President Biden's bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This historic legislation is an enormous win for the American people.

Finally, from coast to coast, in every State, district, and territory of our Nation, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will deliver significant new resources. Together, America will restore our Nation's crumbling infrastructure. Together, we will create millions of good-paying jobs over the next decade.

The Great Lakes region will be empowered with billions of dollars to rebuild our roads, bridges, rail lines, revitalize our water infrastructure and airports. We will deploy modern broadband connectivity and new carbon-free energy systems.

By properly rewarding those who make and build what makes and builds America, we will create a fairer, more just, and more prosperous future for our middle-class workers, families, and communities.

For years there has been talk about infrastructure. President Biden is delivering and building back better for Americans from coast to coast.

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NOTHING COMES FOR FREE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, this Friday the Congressional Budget Office allegedly will release their assessment of President Biden's Build Back Better agenda under budget reconciliation.

Their assessment will determine whether the Democrats have come up with enough tax increases and other measures that will actually cover the cost of the bill over the next 10 years.

But the White House seems to now believe that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office isn't qualified to provide us with an objective cost estimate, even though that is the entire point of the CBO.

As the Congressional Budget Office is forcing the Biden administration to acknowledge that their Build Back Better agenda will certainly cost a lot more than the zero dollars he initially claimed, Biden is still telling Democrats to disregard the report.

Madam Speaker, nothing comes for free; and so far, initial estimates from the Congressional Budget Office show that the Build Back Better agenda will increase our national deficit by more than \$150 billion each year.

Had it not been for some Democrats listening to the Republicans' insistence that we don't vote until we at least have a price tag, President Biden probably would have been able to sneak this through the House without having to admit its true cost.

REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I haven't seen the Vice President at the border lately. I was down there about a month ago, and I just want to share a few things that I learned down there that maybe somebody else can pass on to her.

First of all, when you're at the Yuma center, when you walk along the path

the people walk to get in this country, it is littered with photo IDs. Obviously, people do not want the United States Government or Border Patrol to know who they are. So this is a sign we are getting people in this country who have a lot to hide.

The second thing to point out that I was not aware of until I talked to the Border Patrol, is they feel they don't have the right to test somebody for COVID. We know that some people who are testing positive are already let in the country. I was not aware until I went down there that it is the current policy if you say, I want to test you for COVID, and you refuse, they just let you in.

The third thing I want to point out is that apparently they are advertising on Central American TV for people to come here.

Obviously, if we had a better relationship with those Central American countries, this wouldn't be going on, but if you wonder why so many people are coming here, it is because the drug gangs are advertising on TV.

THANKSGIVING TAX

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, we are just 1 week away from Thanksgiving, and American families are bracing for one of the most expensive in history.

The cost of almost everything is up; from the turkey to the pumpkin pie, your Thanksgiving meal will cost you significantly more than last year's.

Rising costs aren't just making it hard to put food on the table. The price of a gallon of gas is up 61 percent nationally from last year, making it more expensive for families to travel to loved ones this holiday season.

Inflation is a hidden tax that hurts the lowest income Americans the most.

This Thanksgiving tax is just the latest example of bad economic policies that are making life for Americans more expensive.

Throwing trillions of dollars at the problems we are facing is not the solution and will only make these issues worse.

VACCINE MANDATES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

(Mr. FALLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the unconstitutional overreach shown by this President in his recent vaccine mandate. And don't be fooled, this is nothing more than an attack on frontline workers, small businesses, and the rights of every American.

OSHA's regulatory powers are limited to the workplace and the workplace alone.

Joe Biden is now trying to use OSHA as an instrument in his political game;

mandating a vaccine, and taking away medical freedoms from millions of Americans.

This goes far beyond OSHA's jurisdiction, and it is incomprehensible.

It affects employees' ability to make life-changing, personal healthcare decisions.

This is the textbook definition of "tyranny," and it must be stopped.

The policies this administration continues to hand out are rising prices, bottlenecking our supply chain, and causing a historic labor shortage.

What do they think a draconian fine of \$14,000 per employee will do to employers? I will tell you what it will do; it will bury our economy.

Big Government is not the solution. It is the problem.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE DEMOCRACY PARTNERSHIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following Members of the House to the House Democracy Partnership:

Mr. PRICE, North Carolina, Chair
Ms. MOORE, Wisconsin
Ms. TITUS, Nevada
Mr. CONNOLLY, Virginia
Mr. LIEU, California
Mrs. TORRES, California
Ms. KELLY, Illinois
Ms. SEWELL, Alabama
Ms. DEGETTE, Colorado
Ms. LEE, California
Mr. CICILLINE, Rhode Island

SELF-INFLICTED CRISES OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, during what should be a period of sustained economic recovery, job growth has stalled, consumer prices are skyrocketing, and many shelves are empty thanks to supply chain chokepoints.

Nevertheless, House Democrats are forging ahead to pass their 2,100-page reckless tax and spending spree before they even know how it impacts the budget and before the American people

can understand even what is in it, which is certain to drive up consumer prices even further and make job growth that much harder.

Make no mistake, this bill is a clunker. If you can stomach the price tag and look underneath the hood, you will see tax breaks for the rich; you will see incentives to stay home instead of going back to work; massive taxpayer subsidies for inefficient green energy sources; and fewer cures for rare diseases.

The bill eliminates jobs. It reduces paychecks. It increases government dependency. It crushes small businesses. It repeals longstanding protections against taxpayer funding of abortions. And it taxes American companies at a higher rate than Communist China. Yes, that is all in the bill.

During our time this afternoon, in addition to the House Democrats' disastrous left-wing agenda, my colleagues and I will be discussing the many self-inflicted crises of the Biden administration. Whether it is the most expensive Thanksgiving in history, inflation, skyrocketing gas prices, or our overwhelmed southern border, one thing is for certain, the answer to the countless Democrat-caused crises is not more Democrat-authored policies.

I thank my colleagues for being here today, and I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOHNSON).

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, this administration's assault on American energy—oil, natural gas, and coal—is causing energy prices to surge. They say they are doing this to address climate change, but make no mistake, this is not about carbon, it is about control. President Biden and his liberal allies in this body do not want our Nation to return to the energy independence we had just 2 short years ago because it means they would have less control over our daily lives.

They want working families to feel economic pain in order to force them to change their behavior and reject fossil fuel generated electricity.

Consider this. Gas prices are up 61 percent over last year.

It is estimated American families could face a 54 percent increase in their home heating bills this winter.

When asked about its plan to lower energy prices, the Biden administration essentially told us that high energy prices are punishment for using fossil fuels—oil, gas, natural gas, coal—and that sacrifices must be made to make progress on the climate crisis, something China and Russia are absolutely not willing to do.

Surging energy prices in the Biden administration's out-of-control government spending that is causing inflation to surge to more than 6 percent is causing everything to cost more, from gasoline to groceries.

Yet, while this Thanksgiving could be the most expensive in history, one administration official called this inflation tax a "high-class problem."

Put simply, when inflation increases, wages decrease. Everyday goods cost

more. It hurts the poor, the middle class, our seniors, and those living day-to-day on a fixed income the most.

Make no mistake, hardworking Americans can't afford this administration's agenda and its complete lack of compassion and respect for working families any longer.

I urge my colleagues to stand up to this administration's far-left social re-engineering agenda and the assault on fossil fuels that will continue harming the very Americans they claim so much to want to help the most.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN).

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of families who will enjoy Thanksgiving with their loved ones next week. This American tradition is an opportunity to give thanks for all our many blessings.

Yet through no fault of their own, millions of hardworking families are struggling to count their blessings this year. Thanks to liberal policies enacted by the Biden administration and congressional Democrats, inflation is soaring, gas prices have spiked more than 50 percent, and supply chain disruptions are leaving store shelves empty. The cost of Thanksgiving dinner this year will be the highest in history, and it will cost more for folks to drive or fly to spend their holidays with loved ones.

American families are hurting.

My Democrat colleagues and their liberal elite mouthpieces in the media claim to be champions of the poor and the working class, yet an NBC correspondent claims it's a dirty little secret that Americans can afford to pay more for their groceries because they saved money when they were trapped in their homes during the COVID pandemic. She also had the audacity to say that because more than half of Americans are invested in the stock market and it has been doing well that most people are actually better off now.

How out of touch can she be? First, clearly she has zero regard for the half of the country that isn't fortunate enough to have a stock portfolio. Second, good luck trying to eat your 401(k) for Thanksgiving. Those are designed for retirement so tax penalties for early withdrawals are harsh. Here is the real dirty little secret: She knows that, but she is so beholden to the left that she is willing to provide them free cover.

Washington Post and Bloomberg op-ed writers are telling us we should lower our expectations and live more like Europeans by simply getting used to the idea of empty store shelves. These out-of-touch elites are channeling a let them eat cake mentality while American families are suffering.

Recent elections have shown that Americans reject these attempts to fundamentally change our Nation from a prosperous environmental country into a suffering socialist regime.

Inflation, intrusive government regulations, and overreaching policies have left American families with less money and limited buying power.

No American should ever have to lower their expectations while living in the most prosperous country in the world. As Americans, we are blessed to live in a country where we are free to pursue economic prosperity, even during difficult times.

Many of the economic challenges faced by American families today were created by the policies of an out-of-touch liberal ruling class, yet we stand on the brink of ramming through the largest and most expensive tax and spend initiative in history.

It reminds me of the final scene in the movie "Thelma and Louise" when the lead characters drive their car off a cliff rather than face the consequences of their actions. Democrat Party leaders are willing to figuratively drive our country off the cliff if that is what it takes to pass the build back broke program in an electric car, I am sure.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I ask my Democrat colleagues and media elites to take a long, hard look at what their policies are doing to working-class Americans.

Just say no.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN).

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague and neighbor from Louisiana across the Sabine River for hosting this Special Order tonight.

Madam Speaker, it has been 10 months since Joe Biden took office, and look at the state of our country. Our southern border is eroding before our very eyes. Gas prices are skyrocketing. Inflation has gone up every month. Our currency is diminishing at an alarming rate. And now Americans are about to sit down to the most expensive Thanksgiving in history.

How can anyone justify the fact that a bag of carrots has a price tag 48 percent higher than just a year ago?

My colleagues across the aisle know full well that every American is hurting because of their bad policies. They conveniently avoid the topic, telling people that inflation is actually a good thing.

Give me a break. Try telling that to those hardworking Americans at the grocery store or at the gas pump now.

What will it take for the left to finally come to their senses and say no more?

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Is commonsense and wisdom something of the past? Outdated and disregarded? Democrats criticize us for telling the American people that they are destroying the country. They try to divert the American people's attention by censuring a Republican congressman over a cartoon; but I would ask them to simply look around. We are in a state of crisis and decay; and hardworking, law-abiding, freedom-loving

Americans fear the inevitable outcome should we continue down this path. That outcome, what is it? Socialism, folks.

Today, I ask my Democrat colleagues to look at the burden that they have put on the American people and face the fact that history has so clearly written—a socialist utopia simply does not exist.

Today, I ask them, on behalf of every single American in this Nation, to find the courage and rise and say enough.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for that reminder that socialism never worked and never has. It is a fool's errand.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Louisiana for the opportunity to address the House today.

This week, President Biden signed into law the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act, which focuses more on pushing Democrats' far-left socialist policies than on America's crumbling infrastructure needs.

Madam Speaker, the signing of this bill comes on the heels of Democrats' reckless taxing-and-spending spree and senseless policies that have created an economic crisis of monumental proportions.

As the Biden administration takes a victory lap, the American people are in no mood to celebrate. Inflation is at a 30-year high as prices on everything are more now than they were just 1 year ago. Gas is up 49 percent; beef is up 20 percent; home heating bills are up 28.1 percent.

Under the Biden administration, working families are getting crushed. Increased costs at the grocery store and the gas pump and higher home heating bills are squeezing Americans dry. Skyrocketing inflation is driving down real wages for hardworking middle-class families and making it more difficult for those living on fixed budgets to make ends meet.

Instead of addressing the root cause of inflation—which, by the way and for the RECORD, is largely caused by out-of-control government spending—House Democrats are continuing to push their sweeping \$1.75 trillion build back broke act.

This package would once again hand out cash to households and create new paid leave benefits with no expectation of work. However, as we all know, an engaged workforce is key to invigorating economic recovery and slowing inflation. Make no mistake, wasteful and increased spending by Democrats, much of which is being funded by even more borrowed money, won't slow inflation; it will supercharge it.

Madam Speaker, I strongly urge President Biden and Democrats in Congress to reconsider the devastating economic consequences they are proposing to enact.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend. He is so

right about that. The hardworking American families are feeling the pain from Tennessee all the way to California.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. OBERNOLTE), my good friend.

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise today deeply concerned that this body is scheduling a vote on what will likely be the most expensive spending package in the history of the United States without knowing the true cost of that package.

Our own House rules, House rule XIII, requires us to wait for a score from the Congressional Budget Office before voting on a budget bill, and the budget reconciliation and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 requires the CBO to issue that score. But unfortunately, we are rushing through this vote without even knowing the true cost of the bill.

Last week, I led a group of almost half of the House of Representatives in sending a letter to the Speaker urging her not to vote on this bill until its true costs are known. I am sure most Americans saw the President of the United States go on television two weeks ago and tell the American public that this spending bill will not add a single dollar to the national deficit. And our response to that is, if that is the case, Mr. President, prove it. Prove it by waiting for the CBO to issue a score on that bill.

The reason why we are so concerned about this issue is that any economist will tell you that deficit government spending is dangerously inflationary, and we are already seeing the highest inflation in the United States in over 40 years.

Folks in my district are paying over \$20 more today to fill the gasoline tank on their cars just to go to work than they were just a year ago. This inflation is hurting everyday Americans and it will hurt them more if this bill spends more than it takes in in taxes, and every indication is that it will.

Madam Speaker, I urge this body to wait for the Congressional Budget Office to score this bill before voting on it. It is the responsible thing to do. Anything less would be an abdication of our responsibility to the people that we represent.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW).

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Louisiana for doing this and for yielding and for all of his good work.

Madam Speaker, I rise today, a week before one of America's oldest, most deeply rooted holidays, ashamed of what this administration is doing to our great United States of America. American families look forward to a Thanksgiving feast where they are finally able to see distant relatives, reflect on their lives and, of course, share

a table covered in food made from old family recipes.

Yet, this year, families aren't thinking about that. They are not thinking about what they will cook, but rather, how they will afford a Thanksgiving meal. Turkey prices are up 18 percent. Pumpkin pie is up 17 percent. Carrots, strangely enough, up 50 percent. Some families might not even have to worry about these rising food costs because they might not be able to travel to see their families due to soaring gas prices. A gallon of gas is up 61 percent, on average. If they are able to travel despite the price increases, they may enter a frigid home, as the cost to heat our homes has increased by 54 percent.

The root cause of these price increases is no big secret to anyone. They are the direct result of failed Biden policies. Policies that have led to rampant inflation, a crippled supply chain, and labor shortages on a scale that we never would have ever imagined.

Despite recent comments made by this administration and the media, inflation is a bad, bad thing. Buying a home? More expensive. Building a home? More expensive. Renting an apartment? More expensive. Gas, groceries, turkeys, and presents, more expensive. This is the Biden Thanksgiving tax.

Americans deserve a joyous Thanksgiving after the suffering our Nation has endured over the past 2 years. And this administration is on track to be known as the grinch who not only stole Christmas, but the grinch that stole Thanksgiving as well.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the comments of the gentleman.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER).

Mr. PFLUGER. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Louisiana.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to address a very important issue in our country. Crisis after crisis after crisis that we see, including last week where the President gathered with world leaders to discuss a fairytale climate agenda that will literally dismantle America's national security based on disinformation.

If we continue down this path, all Americans should worry about one thing: Where is our energy going to come from? We are told that we must dismantle the American oil and gas production to save the planet, but in 2019, U.S. harmful emissions were 13 percent less than they were in 2005. No other country has cut their footprint more in that short amount of time.

And what is responsible for this? Well, it is not electric vehicles. It is not unreliable energy sources. It's the American shale revolution. Clean-burning natural gas is critical in allowing us to achieve affordable, reliable energy supply without the harmful emissions and the increases like we see from major polluters like Russia and China. But instead of building on that

progress, President Biden and Democrats are crippling the American energy sector and emboldening our foreign adversaries.

I am proud to represent the men and women of the Permian Basin and the job that they do to keep the lights on to make sure that we have that affordable, reliable energy, and that it is running every single day.

It is time to put Midland over Moscow. Any vote for reconciliation might as well be a vote for Russia. I am urging my colleagues to vote "no."

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend, Midland over Moscow, we ought to print T-shirts with that one.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT), where they are deeply concerned about this as well.

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I thank Vice Chairman JOHNSON for yielding to me and the adequate job that he is doing.

Madam Speaker, I recently overheard some East Tennesseans talking at the gas pumps at the local Pilot station. And a fellow said, it is almost like these politicians want to make gas more expensive. Well, I think my constituents are on to something.

Conversations like this one I have heard at my local Pilot station have been happening everywhere all across this country. Americans are so displeased with gas prices, they are slapping these Biden "I did that" stickers on the pumps. I don't recommend doing that, but it seems to me somebody is taking the initiative to do it.

Madam Speaker, Joe Biden's war against affordable energy is hurting millions of Americans' ability to travel. Commutes to work, family road trips, trips to the park, airline travel—all are soaring in costs. The White House lacks any and all sympathy for what this crisis means for working Americans.

Joe Biden's Energy Secretary even laughed when asked how her department planned to stabilize gas prices. I thought that was the ultimate act of arrogance. It is the "let them eat cake too" kind of thing.

I guess this is easy for Joe Biden and his Cabinet to ignore. American taxpayers fund all their travel in those fancy private cars and jet airplanes they fly around in. Their attitude is insulting and it is arrogant. No wonder Joe Biden is blind to what is going on. He never sees a bill for any of it, not a doggone bit.

The holiday season is right around the corner, people will be celebrating Hanukkah and Christmas, and I predict holiday travel this year will be the most expensive on record. Americans will have Joe Biden's war on affordable energy to thank for their enormous travel expenses.

Madam Speaker, I thank Chairman JOHNSON for the adequate work he is doing.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's

adequate comments. And I will tell the gentleman that they are going to have to amend and print new stickers for the gas pumps because if our Democrat colleagues vote for this monstrosity, they are going to have to make a new sticker that says, "I and the House Democrats did that." That is what is going down.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. HICE).

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, the House Democrats have done this. It is all one big party. And while we are going to be celebrating Thanksgiving next week, families gather together giving thanks, I am absolutely confident there will not be one family in America giving thanks for the economic crisis created by President Joe Biden and the Democrats—the crisis, economically, that they are serving the American people.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, this is going to be the most expensive Thanksgiving in history. From turkey to potatoes, pumpkin pie—you name it—this is going to be the most expensive Thanksgiving ever; probably a whole lot fewer second trips for food, or thirds, or whatever your family is accustomed to.

Meanwhile, what is the answer that our Democrat friends are giving us? Democrats here in Washington have a great solution: Let's spend trillions of more dollars. Let's make inflation go up even more. Let's put more pain and suffering around the Thanksgiving tables and the pocketbooks of the American people. While Americans are pinching their pennies, literally, to live within their means, President Biden and his socialist cronies from the other side of the aisle here in Washington are wanting to spend even more of the hard-earned money of the American taxpayer and the American worker.

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The Democrat socialist gravy train has left the station, and the American people, I assure you, are not at the table. They are not on board with what is happening in this country.

Americans are the ones paying the price for this. They are paying the price for President Biden's budget-busting policies—more money at the gas pumps, more money at the Thanksgiving table this year, more money for everyday goods. We can go down the list.

It is high time—it is past time—that President Biden and the Democrats stop this reckless, runaway spending. Our economy cannot afford trillions more dollars that we don't have for unnecessary spending for socialist, Marxist spending, robbing us not only of our hard-earned income but our liberties, our freedoms that we love and cherish in this country.

It is time that we put a stop to this nonsense.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, that voice from Georgia is so

strong. I think we are going to stick with that theme.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE).

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, too many falsehoods have been spread about the Democrats' multitrillion-dollar tax and spend bill, the most radical and expensive piece of legislation in our history.

The American people deserve to know the truth about the grave ramifications of passing this fiscally irresponsible liberal wish list.

Let's unpack some of these egregious Pinocchios.

For starters, the left has erroneously claimed that the so-called Build Back Better Act is fully paid for and will cost American taxpayers zero dollars. This is false.

While we have not yet received the official CBO score, models show that Biden's Big Government socialist spending package should cost more than double what Democrats have previously reported. The number could be upward of \$4.5 trillion, with \$3 trillion of it being in new debt.

Additionally, President Biden has touted for months that this legislation will not raise taxes on Americans earning less than \$400,000 a year. According to early reports from the Congressional Budget Office, this is completely false as well.

A recent analysis from the Tax Policy Center found that the reckless reconciliation bill would hike taxes for 20 to 30 percent of middle-class families next year, yet taxpayers in the top 5 percent will see a combined total tax cut of \$32 billion. What a slap in the face to millions of small businesses, hardworking employees, and their families.

Lastly, the President and his Democrat allies have absurdly stated that passing their pricey package will help ease inflation. Ease inflation? Really? This is completely illogical and defies all reason unless, of course, your intent is to deceive.

Injecting trillions of dollars of borrowed Federal money into the economy, with billions of it going to climate change, will only worsen the already burdensome effects of record-high inflation. The result will be Americans struggling to afford gas, groceries, and heating bills.

Keep in mind, the sole intent of the Biden, Bernie bankruptcy act's enormous cost is to fund unpopular and radical policies, such as taxpayer-funded abortion, weaponizing the IRS, and mass amnesty for illegal migrants. Oh, and don't forget about the 150-plus new government programs that will further expand the Federal Government's size and scope.

Simply put, the unfortunate truth is that by ramming through their Big Government socialist spending spree, Democrats are selfishly prioritizing their dangerous, far-left agenda over the needs of the American people.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. MOORE).

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I appreciate your leadership on this.

Madam Speaker, I rise today alarmed by the unprecedented wasteful spending from Washington that is fueling inflation and risking the future of our Republic.

Last week, this Congress passed a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill. Despite the bill's characterization, less than 10 percent went to traditional—what us southerners and commonsense people call roads and bridges. But \$200 million went back to a park in Speaker PELOSI's own backyard.

According to The New York Times, certainly not an ally of the Republicans, the Democrats' reconciliation bill before us this week includes a \$4.1 billion tax break for people who buy electric bicycles; \$2.5 billion for tree equity—I am not sure what that is; and another \$2.5 billion to help contingency fee lawyers recoup expenses.

Madam Speaker, this captures exactly what is wrong with Washington. Too many politicians up here will gladly endorse trillions in new spending for a few pennies of pork to come back to their district. They put their political futures above our own Nation.

Well, I am sick of it, and the American people are, too. Congress is bleeding the American people dry with waste and pet projects it claims is being spent in their own best interests.

Sure, I would love for the Federal Government to build a new road in my district, but I refuse to sacrifice the health and viability of this Nation to get it. Most patriotic Americans would agree with me.

Roads and bridges come and go, but if we foolishly squander the Nation our forefathers fought so hard to create, we will selfishly allow this great American experiment to die because of our own greed. Shame on us because we will have ultimately failed those who elected us and sent us here to protect their best interests.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, the spending spree continues this week as Democrats continue to try to ram their ridiculous reconciliation bill down our throats.

The radicals have been back-seat driving far too long. Our holiday cheer is now being threatened by this administration's refusal to cut up the credit cards. It is truly astonishing.

We are all set to experience the most expensive Thanksgiving in our country's history, thanks to these reckless spending habits perpetrated by the White House. Turkey prices are up 27 percent. Potatoes are up 13 percent. Carrots are up 47 percent. The beloved pumpkin pie from Costco is up 17 percent.

The Consumer Price Index is up 6.2 percent overall. This is an indicator of how much extra people are having to pay for their goods.

In addition, natural gas is up 40 percent, and home heating oil is up 60 percent. Americans are being forced to pay more to heat their homes at a time when the weather is at its coldest. Nowhere in America should hardworking taxpayers have to choose between heating their home and putting food on the table.

These are not pandemic-related issues anymore. They are government-created issues. This is what socialism looks like. Joe Biden says: Get used to it.

Empty shelves, runaway inflation, and government control—this no longer looks like America. It looks like a failed socialist nation. That is what it looks like.

We will not cave to the desires of the far left. We will push back. America will remain free, and we will prevail.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. CARTER for that optimistic close. As Ronald Reagan said, we are the "last best hope of man on Earth." We better hold it.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, the only thing President Biden, Speaker PELOSI, and the Democrats in Congress will be building back better is China's economy. Truly, they are building Beijing back better.

A new report released today shows that China has officially surpassed the U.S. as the richest nation in the world because Congress gave China most favored nation status under the Clinton administration. They have definitely tipped the scales for Chinese manufacturing.

D.C. politicians themselves have been enriched off of China, while the American middle class suffers. Now Democrats are pushing the Green New Deal policies that will make the middle class suffer even more with higher gas prices and home heating bills this winter.

Biden's policies enrich China because they manufacture solar panels, lithium batteries, and windmills, and taxpayers are going to be forced to subsidize this.

China mines these minerals for batteries and solar panels with child labor and slave labor. When asked about the slave labor behind the Green New Deal, John Kerry said it was "not my lane." That is despicable.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend. It is a shame that China is being assisted by these Democrat policies, even as they openly challenge us. Another thing Ronald Reagan warned us about is that weakness invites aggression. This is a dangerous game.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BENTZ).

Mr. BENTZ. Madam Speaker, American families and businesses across our country are facing a crisis, a crisis of inflation, the likes of which we have not seen for more than 30 years. Last month, the Consumer Price Index hit a 30-year high.

What does this mean for everyday Americans? Gas prices are up 50 percent from last year. Food prices are rising to the highest level in 12 years. The price of eggs is up 42 percent. The price of milk is up 17 percent. The price of a new car is up \$5,000. Home prices are going through the roof.

Last week, I met with farmers and ranchers in central Oregon who are paying far more for fertilizer, feed, fuel, herbicides, and all crop inputs. This is on top of the incredible difficulties caused by historic drought, supply chain disruptions, and a shocking shortage of labor.

Given all this, what are President Biden and Speaker PELOSI doing to address the biggest inflationary spike in decades? Well, they have no plan except to spend even more trillions of our tax dollars on more and probably irreversible welfare programs.

The \$2 trillion spending bill would raise taxes, increase our national debt, and drive inflation even higher. Sadly, American families will pay for this bill one way or another—but most immediately, right now, through inflated prices on everything from diesel fuel to the Thanksgiving turkey.

The \$2 trillion Build Back Better bill is on top of the \$1.9 trillion spent in March and the \$1.2 trillion spent a few weeks ago. Even former officials from the Obama administration have warned that these unprecedented levels of spending will result in higher inflation. American farmers are now warning that this spending bill could result in the demise of many family farms and ranches.

Spending trillions upon trillions of dollars will cause more crippling inflation for American families and businesses. This radical reconciliation bill would not help us build back better. Instead, it will damage my State and our Nation for generations to come.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, it will damage all of our States.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF).

Mr. KUSTOFF. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Louisiana for arranging the time to talk to the Nation today about these very important issues.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the reckless spending plans put forward by Democrats, which I think, without a doubt, have put our country in a real economic crisis.

Let me take you back to March when, along purely partisan lines, Democrats pushed through a \$1.9 trillion spending plan. Just 2 weeks ago, Democrats pushed through another \$1.2 trillion in spending. This week, we may likely vote on the Democrats' social spending plan, which would drive the total spending to almost \$5 trillion when you add together all three of these spending bills.

Now, if you will focus for a moment on the runaway inflation that has really been exacerbated and inflamed by

this massive spending, it was reported just last week that the Consumer Price Index, which measures this data, rose over 6 percent. That is the highest level in 30 years.

This means that the price of everyday goods has skyrocketed. I am talking about everything: cars, appliances, food, gas. Estimates are that the price to heat your home this winter could be 54 percent higher this year compared to last winter. Americans—our constituents—are getting hit really hard financially, and there is no end to it in sight.

Without a doubt, the huge social spending bill that we may vote on this week will leave severe and long-lasting consequences.

Madam Speaker, I want to point you to a story that ran yesterday in *The Washington Times*. Here is the headline: "Biden's social welfare bill breaks pledge to not raise taxes on people making less than \$400,000." The newspaper cites the Joint Committee on Taxation.

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Now, here is the deal: with the social spending bill beginning in 2023, taxpayers making between \$50,000 and \$75,000 annually would see a tax increase. For people earning between \$75,000 and \$100,000 a year, the tax increase is 2.9 percent. Folks making between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per year would see a tax increase of 7.4 percent in 2023.

Madam Speaker, let's listen to our constituents. Let's focus on the real-world problems that they are dealing with every day and that they talk to us about. Let's work on the supply chain. Let's focus on the threat from China. Let's stop this massive spending.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for prosecuting the case. That was his background.

Madam Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining in the hour.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 20½ minutes remaining.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Mrs. BICE).

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the record-breaking inflation that will make next Thursday the most expensive Thanksgiving in history due to Biden's and Democrats' detrimental policy decisions. The American people will feel the impact of rising inflation this Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Prices of ingredients for the traditional Thanksgiving dinner are sky-high, with turkey costs up 27 percent, pumpkin pie up 17 percent, and carrots up 47 percent. Beyond the pricey meal, travel costs are surging because a gallon of gas costs 61 percent more than a year ago and airfare is expected to increase 18 percent, placing a burden on families to visit loved ones for the holidays. On top of this, simply staying warm this winter will cost more. Heat-

ing bills are projected to rise as much as 54 percent compared to last winter.

While these everyday prices are skyrocketing, wages are stagnant, which means decreased purchasing power for hardworking Americans. Not only will they have less money to spend on Thanksgiving traditions and holiday gifts that will have a damaging impact on our small businesses and our overall economy, but the livelihoods of Americans will be harmed by the difficulty to afford day-to-day necessities.

Madam Speaker, Biden's failed policies are hitting home. As shown through the significant drop in his approval rating, Americans are desperate for a solution to fix these insane price increases.

Instead, what is Biden's response?

Continue to push the partisan reconciliation bill that would pump the economy with trillions more dollars in spending for social programs that are not paid for, further exacerbating this inflation crisis and causing American taxpayers to suffer the effects for generations to come.

There are grave consequences to careless actions. I urge my colleagues and the American people to recognize this Thanksgiving as a direct result of excessive government spending and shutting down our country's energy production.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. The gentlewoman has said it very well.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like one more time to address the reconciliation package. We know that it is a very large spending package and will result in more welfare and, inevitably, we will have to have more taxes which will put a damper on the economy.

But let's look at the type of vision that the Democratic Party has for our country given what they are spending the money on. We know we have a big, illegal immigration crisis in this country—everybody knows 8,000 people in the country last July, 105,000 this July.

What are we going to do with it?

We have record amounts of fentanyl coming across the southern border. We respond with a provision giving 7 million people a path to amnesty which is a magnet to get more people here. We make it more difficult to remove people from the country if they commit crimes, including sex offenses and firearm convictions without any discretion from DHS. So, Madam Speaker, you want to make it more difficult to get even the criminal element out of the country.

But, finally, we promised anybody coming into the country free college. Pell grants that are designed for poor Americans are going to go to people who come here illegally. We want the average American to sit there at home paying \$30,000 or \$40,000 tuition, in debt until they are 30 or 40 years old, but if you come here illegally, boom, free college.

The second thing we get out of here is a new welfare problem in this country. We are encouraging people not to work. We are encouraging people not to get married.

How do they respond?

Look at the recent increase in food stamp benefits, the massive amount of money going to low-income housing, the increase in the earned income tax credit, and the larger Pell grants. Everywhere you look in this bill, Madam Speaker, is more money for people of a certain lifestyle at the expense of the person who is getting married and working harder.

Race preferences are throughout this bill. It seems like they are incapable of doing a program that benefits all Americans. It is always targeting somebody from this race or that race or this gender or that gender. It is a very divisive bill.

There is a great increase in government's role in raising children. It is the government that pays for all the 3- and 4-year-old kids. It is kind of the opposite of what America is supposed to be where the child's upbringing is family centered. Now we want to make the child's upbringing government centered.

Finally, it creates more of a surveillance state. There are 87,000 new IRS agents.

What could they possibly do?

But, obviously, Madam Speaker, you can see where we are headed as a country. At a time when our factories and farms can't find anybody to work, we are going to take unemployed people and make them IRS agents.

In any event, I urge Americans to pay attention to where the money is going in this bill because it is the type of America our forefathers never would have imagined.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. I thank my friend for his common sense. We will continue with that theme.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BAIRD).

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleague for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Madam Speaker, at a time when Americans are facing the highest inflation rates in decades and small businesses are struggling to recover from the devastating impact of COVID-19, House Democrats will soon consider the most radical spending package in American history.

Unfortunately, instead of giving families and businesses a hand up by getting able-bodied Americans back to work and taking steps to resolve our supply chain crisis, Democrats' far left socialist package will do little more than exacerbate our inflation crisis and harm the growth of small businesses.

Earlier this month the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business released a model that found the bill will cost more than twice the estimated cost. If that is not bad enough, the Tax Policy Center recently found that this spending spree would

raise taxes on middle-class Americans by up to 30 percent.

This anti-growth package will destroy thousands of jobs, burden many business owners with restrictive taxes intended to help pay for this bloated spending bill, and will surely be a death knell for many businesses on struggling Main Street and hard-working Americans struggling to contend with soaring inflation rates.

Month after month we have watched the Biden administration deliver disappointing jobs reports with the labor force participation rate falling to 61.6 percent in September alone. This labor shortage is only fueling our economy and supply chain crisis, but instead of encouraging Americans to get back to work, President Biden and House Democrats are including provisions that discourage unemployed Americans from finding a job.

If Democrats really want to build back better, they should be championing policies that actually help our small business owners and the middle class, not exacerbating the problems they are struggling to overcome.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Any time a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient speaks, we ought to listen.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE.)

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my friend for yielding and for sponsoring this evening's Special Order.

Madam Speaker, this week the Labor Department's consumer price index jumped 6.2 percent in October from a year earlier, reflecting an increase in the cost of goods and services as well as energy and food. Fuel costs surged 30 percent.

I have a quote from someone here in Washington about that. This politician said, "By all accounts, the threat posed by record inflation to the American people is not transitory and is instead getting worse. From the grocery store to the gas pump, Americans know the inflation tax is real and DC can no longer ignore the economic pain Americans feel every day."

Now, that wasn't my colleague, Congressman JOHNSON. That wasn't Minority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY or Congressman JIM JORDAN. No. That was Senator JOE MANCHIN who said that just today. He is recognizing that not just West Virginians, but all Americans are feeling the pain at the pump, at the grocery store, and all across the economy.

It is coming from legislation that our President pushed earlier this year and that House Democrats helped get behind—the so-called American Rescue Plan. No less than our President himself said this about public frustration, "And people are feeling it. They're feeling it. Did you ever think you'd be paying this much for a gallon of gas? In some parts of California, they're paying \$4.50 a gallon."

"That's why it's so important that we do everything in our power to stabilize the supply chain."

But what he did through passage of this American Rescue Plan is actually cause inflation to jump that much further forward, and he conceded on Wednesday that inflation is at a three-decade high because people have more money now as a result of the \$1.9 trillion stimulus legislation.

And what has he proposed to do now?

Double down and spend an additional \$2 trillion.

What does he think that will do to inflation in this country, Madam Speaker?

He has already said, "And the irony is: People have more money now because of the first major piece of legislation I passed. You all got checks for \$1,400. You got checks for a whole range of things. . . . It changes people's lives."

"But what happens if there's nothing to buy and you got more money? . . . It creates a real problem."

He did say that, and it did create a real problem. It creates a problem to the tune of inflation rates at a 30-year high and gas prices up 61 percent from last year.

So if the President recognizes that his last multitrillion-dollar bill caused the economics peril we are facing, then why is he proposing spending an additional \$2 trillion on social programs we don't need and we can't afford—150 new government programs?

Propping up the Green New Deal won't solve the economic crisis. Weaponizing the IRS against Americans won't lower inflation. Taxing middle-class families won't put more money in the people's pockets.

Do you know what would actually help get this country's economy back on track, Madam Speaker?

Fiscal responsibility. Americans want a Thanksgiving meal that won't be the most expensive in the history of the holiday, not a progressive wish list that will only make the situation worse.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. We are going to feel the pain. My friend is exactly right.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I thank Congressman JOHNSON for this opportunity.

Madam Speaker, we are here to talk to the American people about ideas that roam across our Nation. They are conversations that take place around every table, and next week at Thanksgiving we will have those conversations at my table and others around the country.

Madam Speaker, you just heard a good discussion about inflation. But part of inflation comes from government spending, and part of government spending comes from policy that this President and this administration's Democratic Party supports.

Madam Speaker, 1.6 million people have come to our borders and come across, and we are doing things that will encourage them to come here. We

are doing things that will encourage them when we give them free education, free healthcare and to pay for them to do those things.

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So, Madam Speaker, tonight we want to speak specifically about this thing that is called inflation. Inflation is related to Federal monetary and fiscal policy. Inflation is that thing that occurs in the economy when the price of goods and services rise and rise exponentially.

Normally, an administration would look at about a 2 percent growth, a 2 percent inflation rate, which would be, generally speaking, an acceptable growth for a GDP model as well as inflation rate.

This administration, however, began with President Biden going down and visiting the king of inflation, former President Jimmy Carter, talking to this Nation about how great Jimmy Carter's service was. Well what he really meant to say was I admired his policies, progressive liberal policies that took this country to have 16 and 18 percent interest rates, interest rates that raised prices an excessive amount of money for families for a generation that could not buy homes.

Madam Speaker, the Republican Party is here speaking, just as the American people are, and we recognize that this administration has made dear and great friends with the conditions that create inflationary spiral.

This administration knows exactly—they have smart people there, but it is their policies that they demand to have, and those policies bring about results that end up making friends with inflation: Higher prices for goods and services; more government spending. This is big expensive government spending across the board.

And so the American people will have the most expensive Thanksgiving in years; the highest inflation rate in 30 years. Oh, that would be back to Jimmy Carter. No wonder President Biden visited his favorite—or second favorite President, Jimmy Carter, because he wants to make friends with the conditions that create inflation: Big government spending, prices rising, government control of the goods and services.

And just like Jimmy Carter, he had a Senate, a House, and a Presidency to be very successful.

Madam Speaker, the American people spoke again last night in local elections down in South Carolina. They spoke a week ago in State elections.

Madam Speaker, the American people deserve better. Better comes from policy, and better comes from adults who will recognize that it is not just politics, it is about the American people who want and need to have more take-home pay and more ability to take care of themselves; not big, expensive socialist government that even breaks the laws of this country.

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his service to this con-

ference but, more importantly, for making sure that the American people hear the other side of the story.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, that was so well said, and the American people are going to speak again next fall; we know that for certain.

Madam Speaker, I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE).

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Jackson County Deputy Lena Marshall, whose picture is displayed beside me right here.

Last week, Jackson County lost a mother and a heroic law enforcement officer. After responding to a domestic call that spiraled into a violent shootout, Deputy Marshall tragically lost her life while serving to keep Georgians in our community safe.

While I never had the privilege of meeting Deputy Marshall personally, I am deeply moved by her immeasurable sacrifice and willingness to put Georgians' safety above her own.

As a resident of Jackson County myself, I believe I can speak for all of us in the county in saying that we are forever thankful for Deputy Marshall's dedication, her service, and her bravery.

My wife, Jennifer, and I continue to pray for Lena's family and for her fellow Jackson County officers during this difficult time.

May God bless our men and women in blue who selflessly put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA).

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight as we talk about this issue with our upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, expected, of course, to be the most expensive meal in the history of that holiday.

This is more proof that the Democrats are driving up inflation with their spending policies. Spending piles of dollars does not create an economy, it actually hurts the value of the dollars.

USDA's Turkey Market News Report showed the price of turkey itself is going to be up 22 percent from last year. Pumpkin pie, potatoes, cranberries, all up in price.

Inflation, of course, is the most regressive of actual taxes on the people because it hits those on a fixed income the hardest. Low and middle-income have tough decisions to make on whether it is going to be—how they are going to handle their food costs and upcoming heating oil and gas to stay warm this winter.

Democrats have been touting that they will tax billionaires and the rich and corporations but, instead, we have seen them advocating for policies that lead to inflation, directly harming those low and middle-income Americans, as well as making tax breaks for the rich while they are touting them.

Congress cannot spend its way out of a problem, as some in the administration have suggested. It would only make the issue worse.

We must stop passing massive spending bills and, instead, work on the burdensome regulations and get out of businesses way so they can thrive, expand their businesses, and hire employees.

Indeed, we need to work on the important supply chain issues that are still clogging our ports, keeping our products from being exported, from agriculture, all those things that need to be shipped out. Instead, we aren't cutting very good deals with China when they can just send their stuff over to us.

So that would insulate our economy from inflation by having a real economy at home that is not dependent upon borrowed dollars for big spending.

Indeed, I keep asking, Biden administration, whose side are you on?

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 5 seconds remaining.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank my friends for participating tonight, and I yield back the balance of my time.

PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, Monday was such an exciting day for our country. President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law, and we came one step closer toward making the necessary investments to help our communities thrive; to help them thrive, not just survive.

And I want to point out that, although it is called the bipartisan infrastructure act, we had very few Republicans in this House vote for that bill. In my State, the Republican Congresswoman did not vote for the infrastructure act; so she voted against the clean water. She voted against the broadband. She voted against the infrastructure that we need to keep our roads safe and our bridges strong enough so that kids can cross them in their school buses to get to school.

But the Democrats delivered that bill, and the Democrats are going to deliver the Build Back Better agenda.

And the reason why we need to pass the Build Back Better Act, it is para la gente. It is for the people. It is for our communities.

Just a few weeks ago, my Progressive Caucus colleagues and I held a Special Order hour dedicated to the many great things in the Build Back Better Act. But, there is so much in there that is good that we are back here tonight to continue to highlight the benefits for our communities.

Madam Speaker, throughout the pandemic, New Mexicans lost their livelihoods. They put savings toward just surviving. If it wouldn't have been for the American Rescue Plan, they would have lost their homes. The eviction moratorium helped them.

Housing—I want to talk a little bit about housing because that is something I have worked on for many, many years in my district. We know that housing instability and the shortage of affordable housing hurts our working families.

Many saw their dreams of home ownership vanish with the pandemic and the recession. But, with Build Back Better, we have an opportunity to change that. We know that the biggest barrier to purchasing a home is the lack of savings needed for a downpayment. People just don't have \$10,000 or \$20,000 to put down on a downpayment.

And current benefits like mortgage deductions don't help low-income families looking to buy a home. They don't help middle-class families, because you need the money at the time you are buying the house, at closing.

So, to successfully address the affordable housing shortage and the growing racial gap that comes along with it, we need to make sure there is access to home ownership, especially for communities like in New Mexico, or Native American, Latino, African American, Black, Indigenous communities, we need to make sure that we provide them with the homeownership assistance when it is needed, which is at closing.

And you know what? Build Back Better does just that. It makes one of the largest investments in housing downpayment assistance in history.

I am proud to have been one of those many in our caucus who advocated for the \$10 billion that is in Build Back Better to help first-generation homeowners purchase their home.

In my beautiful New Mexico, we are lucky to have an organization that I have worked with for 20 years. It is called Homewise, an organization that helps create successful homeowners so that families can improve their long-term financial wealth. We have financial fitness classes. We also help people with downpayment assistance. But we could use more of that. We never have enough downpayment assistance.

But one of the people that we helped was Maria Luisa. Maria Luisa first came to the United States from Mexico. She had a dream to own a home of her own and to create that better life

for herself. She found that dream hard. She found herself living on the streets of Santa Fe, but she turned her life around. She got her GED. She got her residency, her green card. She took classes at the Santa Fe Community College in community health, and she found Homewise, and she found her first home with our help.

She says that being a homeowner lifts her spirits and gives her confidence in her own future. She knows that she will be able to pass along the savings that are incorporated into that home of her own to her children.

Spirit and confidence in the future, that is what Democrats are about. We are about opportunity. We are about creating that belief in the future and making it possible for working families.

I am glad to be on the floor with my progressive colleagues to talk about the many opportunities that Build Back Better has.

But I want to take a little moment right now and have us walk back a year. Thanksgiving. Do we remember what Thanksgiving was like a year ago?

In my household, we always have a sit-down dinner for about 24 people. You know, we believe in those extended tables. And everybody comes. Somebody will make the turkey, somebody else will make the green chili and the red chili, because you can't do without red chili and green chili if you are from New Mexico. And everybody brings what they made with such love to the table, and we sit around together and share stories and share good food and laugh and tease.

Last year, did we do that? No. Last year, we had a Zoom Thanksgiving. Last year, we were living in despair. We were living with our former President, who made fun of COVID. We were living with politicians from the other side of the aisle who called it a hoax. And we could not gather. We could not celebrate.

What a difference a year makes. What a difference leadership makes. Under President Biden and the American Rescue Plan, we have made it possible for our families to gather together once again because we made sure that they didn't get kicked out of their homes; that they had a place to invite their family too with the money that we put into rental assistance.

We made sure that they could get that vaccination; that they could have those shots. And anybody who wants it in the United States can get a shot, can be vaccinated, can get their booster, so that they protect everybody in their community. And that is what we need to celebrate, and that is what we need to respect because a year later, the American Rescue Plan has done so much for our communities.

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But, yes, it is true. As those on the other side of the aisle state, we are seeing inflation. But gas prices, who con-

trols gas prices? Oil and gas companies do. Who protects oil and gas companies? Republicans protect oil and gas companies.

They protect those corporations. They do not let us attack their corporations or tax those corporations. So Democrats have to do it themselves.

We need to remember that it is greedy corporations that are raising the prices and profiting off of working families.

We need to remember that it is Grubhub that is increasing the price of deliveries by 30 percent, and none of that is going back to the mom-and-pop restaurants. It is going to those corporations that don't want to pay taxes.

But in the Build Back Better Act, we are going to make sure that corporations pay their fair share so they can stop fueling the inflation that the Republicans protect. They are fueling the inflation, and Republicans are protecting those corporations. Let's call it like it is.

But right now, I want to go back to all the amazing things that are in the Build Back Better Act. I am going to call on our wonderful Representative WATSON COLEMAN, my colleague, who always stands ready to tell the stories of what it means on the ground in our community, for our people, from visions like Build Back Better.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN).

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, first of all, I thank Representative LEGER FERNANDEZ for managing this very important Special Order hour. I want to tell her and you, Madam Speaker, that I have been totally inspired by my colleague's comments thus far on the benefits of the Build Back Better Act, on helping us to remember and to reimagine.

I remember Thanksgiving as well. I come from a big family, and there are about 30 of us that get together. It didn't happen last year. But because of this leadership out of this administration, the Democratic Caucus in this House and in the Senate, we were able to deliver resources so that people could get the things that they need to stay in their homes and get vaccinated.

I, for one, am happy to say that my whole family is vaccinated, and we also have the booster, so we are going to get together for this Thanksgiving dinner. I am grateful to the visionary President, Joe Biden, for this.

I am here tonight to speak about something that I am passionate about. I want you to know, Madam Speaker, that I am rising today because I feel that the way our country has treated working people has just been unacceptable.

Billionaires pay a smaller share of their wealth in Federal taxes than the middle-class and the working-class people who built this country.

Our system is antithetical to our country's founding principles, and, yes, it is broken. Our country has failed its

people, and we must do better. We can't do better, though, without building back better.

Although the current bill does not include all that we had hoped it would, it is still going to transform the lives of those who need it most.

For example, it will give working parents the freedom to raise their newborn children and make a living. That is why Build Back Better extends the already extremely successful child tax credit expansion Democrats first passed in the American Rescue Plan earlier this year.

It also incorporates my Healthy MOM Act to ensure new mothers have 12 months of postpartum healthcare coverage so they are supported when they need it most.

It will also make an unprecedented investment in putting floors beneath our feet and roofs above our heads. The Build Back Better Act includes \$65 billion for safer, more accessible public housing. It also invests an additional \$25 billion to construct and rehabilitate low-income family housing and another \$9 billion for lead remediation to safeguard our children's health.

This bill also puts us back on the right path to prepare against the threat of climate change. It makes a historic \$29 billion investment in greenhouse gas reduction and \$3 billion for climate justice block grants. It will also ban new offshore oil and gas leasing along our coasts to create a cleaner, brighter future where all of our children can thrive.

Right now, the American Dream is just that, a dream, for far too many people. Building back better is a crucial step toward making that dream a reality.

Since our Nation's founding, working Americans have paid more than their fair share. It is time we finally reward them.

Today's Build Back Better Act is not the bill we had in mind when the President first announced his agenda, but we are still on the verge of making the biggest investment in working American families in more than half a century.

I am very proud of that. We all ought to be very proud of that. We ought to be proud that we can work hard. We stood together; we fought together; and together, we can make it happen.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, New Jersey is so lucky to have Representative WATSON COLEMAN because she knows what is needed on the ground.

Yes, indeed, it is together, and that is what I like about our Caucus and what we are doing. We are doing it together. We are not about division. We are about unity.

That is what we represent, right? Because we know that community working together, living together, and growing together is how we succeed in life.

I want to raise another part of where Build Back Better is very important. I am chair of the Indigenous Peoples

Subcommittee. I am so lucky to have the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Navajo Nation, and 16 different Puebloan Tribes in my district. They tell me about their needs. I have walked in their villages. I have sat at their feast days.

I know the pandemic hit them hardest of all. We saw the death and despair in our Tribal communities. So what we did in Congress, what we did in the Natural Resources Committee, was to make sure that their voices were heard. We provided \$14 billion in the American Rescue Plan and another \$12 billion for their communities.

We have been hearing lately about the incredible, sad stories that come from the fact that there was a time in America's history when we took children away from their Tribes, away from their culture, and we put them in boarding schools, and many died. We were trying to erase the savage Indian, and those were the words that were used. It didn't work. The Tribes are alive and with us. We must respect that history.

I am proud that both the American Rescue Plan and the Build Back Better Act have \$200 million for Native American languages because it is through language that you preserve a culture and that you preserve an identity.

Add that together with the fact that we are going to have \$470 million for Tribal climate resilience because we have moved Tribes from their homelands and put them in places where they are at the greatest risk from the climate crisis. We include money for drought relief because they are at the greatest risk of thirst because of the droughts that will be caused.

We have \$2.3 billion for the Indian Health Service. This will help us address the backlog. 1993 is when we started setting out the list of Indian Health Service buildings that needed repair, and we still have a 1993 list that we have not met.

I am very proud of what we have done in Build Back Better to address the needs of our Native Americans and our urban Native Americans in our Tribes.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY), my colleague in the Congressional Progressive Caucus, a gentlewoman but fierce and proud.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I thank my dear and fierce colleague from New Mexico for convening us this evening.

Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the communities in my district and across our Nation who for too long have been asked to wait, for those who have had their justice delayed, time and again, by inaction, obstruction, or the status quo.

I rise today because I support the worker and their family, caregivers and childcare workers, parents and essential frontline workers, our disabled siblings, our environmental justice communities, and our immigrant neighbors.

For months, we held the line to ensure that we leave no family, no worker, and no community behind. I rise so that we can secure the strongest policies and investments for our most marginalized communities, to deliver meaningful, tangible change to improve their conditions and to impact their daily lives.

This week, the House has the opportunity and the obligation to legislate justice and begin rebuilding as a stronger, more just Nation that takes care of its people, not because it is good politics—I will let the pundits speak to that—but because as lawmakers we have a decisive mandate from the people to deliver policies and budgets that value the lives and livelihoods of everyone in our communities. That means passing the President's full agenda, which is the people's agenda.

I represent Massachusetts' Seventh District, one of the most unequal districts in the country and in the Commonwealth, where in a 3-mile radius, life expectancy drops from 92 years in Back Bay to 59 years in Roxbury, and the median household income drops by \$50,000; where childcare costs remain some of the highest in the entire Nation, \$21,000 a child for center-based care; where the rising rates of asthma, extreme heat, and sea level rise disproportionately impact frontline environmental justice communities like Chinatown, East Boston, and Chelsea.

The hurt and harm in my community run deep, and I see it every day. These inequities and disparities are not naturally occurring. They are the direct result of decades of precise and intentional policy violence and underinvestment that has been codified into our laws and our budgets for generations.

In this moment, as we do the work to build back better and do so equitably, we must be just as precise and just as intentional in legislating and investing in justice, equity, and healing. That is why we can't afford to leave any worker, any family, or any community behind.

Madam Speaker, the Build Back Better Act is our chance to chart a new path forward and reverse the generations of policy violence inflicted on our most vulnerable, to finally make universal paid leave a reality for the millions of workers, disproportionately Black and Brown women, who have been pushed out of the workforce, left to make the impossible choice between keeping food on the table or caring for themselves or a sick loved one; for the childcare worker taking care of our babies but can't make enough to take care of their own; to finally invest in home- and community-based services for the elderly and disabled as the critical infrastructure that it is; to finally make affordable childcare and universal pre-K a reality; to combat climate change; to close the homeownership gap; to rebuild our crumbling housing stock; and finally to honor our promises to our immigrant neighbors.

These investments are possible; they are popular; and they are necessary.

We can wait no more. There is no deficit of resources in this country, only a deficit of empathy and political courage.

We must pass the Build Back Better Act this week and make the long-overdue investments that our workers, families, and communities have been denied for too long.

Our Nation is in crisis. The urgency could not be more clear. How we meet this moment will have lasting impacts, and history will remember us for it.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I think this reference to how history will judge us is important because we are facing a historical moment right now. The decisions we make on the floor of this House this week will determine whether our future is one that is inclusive and that includes every single family and community in this great Union of the United States or whether it continues to leave people behind.

Right now, those who are being left behind include the vast majority of Americans. What we are doing with this legislation is creating the kind of opportunity, creating the kind of jobs so that everybody can come forward and thrive.

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We are focusing on women. This is a women's agenda. The Build Back Better Act is a women's agenda because it is the women who had to drop out of the workforce to care for their children because there wasn't enough childcare available or it was too expensive.

In New Mexico, we just learned that almost 21 percent of the women in New Mexico dropped out of the workforce because they could not afford childcare.

Build Back Better addresses that. It is going to make sure that no family pays more than 7 percent of their income on childcare. That is the kind of agenda that every family wants, because they want to make sure that their children are cared for and are either in a great childcare center or are in that pre-K that is so essential so that they can succeed later in life.

We know that the science has shown us that if you have quality pre-K for your 3-year-olds, for your 4-year-olds, you are going to have a successful life, you are going to earn more in income, you are going to graduate from high school, you are going to earn additional degrees. It is going to be better.

So we are taking the investments today and we will recoup the benefits 12 years from now, 18 years from now. And that is believing in our future. We are investing in what we believe in.

I also want to take a moment to address the fact that this bill is fully paid for, so when anybody ever says that it is going to increase our deficit, know ye that it is not true what they say because this bill is fully paid for.

It is paid for by making sure that tax cheats don't get to cheat anymore. We are going to invest in the IRS so that

they can audit and go after tax cheats. Who wants to defend tax cheats? Do you really want to be defending tax cheats? I hope not because everybody should pay their fair share.

We are going to make sure that nobody earning less than \$400,000 a year pays any more in taxes. Indeed, this is one of the biggest tax cuts that we are doing for regular people. Not like the tax cut they passed in 2017 which benefited only the wealthy and the corporations. This tax cut is a benefit to our working families, to our middle-class families.

The child tax credit is available to all now. Everybody who is receiving that \$300-per-child payment every month, that is going to continue because of the American Rescue Plan and because of Build Back Better. If anybody says it is going to add to the debt, know that they are not speaking the truth.

The other thing that Build Back Better does is it has the biggest impact on addressing and combating climate change in American history. Anybody who has lived through this summer, through last winter, the storms, the climate disasters knows that it is not a hoax, as some have argued.

Climate deniers have been proven wrong because we all witness what is happening with our climate. We all know that it will cost us billions and trillions of dollars if we do not act.

In my beautiful New Mexico, if we do not act to combat the climate crisis, we will become an extension of the Sonoran Desert. I love my mountain streams. I love the snowfall that falls on our ski resorts and in our mountains and trickles down to our rivers and provides us with the water we need for our farms and our fields and to quench our thirst.

I love that snow. If we do not address the climate crisis, we will not see that snow in winters to come. We might not see it this winter. So I am very pleased at the investments that we are making to combat the climate crisis in the Build Back Better Act.

The infrastructure bill also included some key provisions. It included provisions for my Orphaned Well Cleanup and Jobs Act to plug orphaned wells and protect our communities from the dangerous methane they spew into the air. We know that methane is many times, 35 times more dangerous to our climate than carbon, and so it is important to plug up those orphaned wells that oil and gas companies have abandoned. Not all of them, but there are too many that have abandoned those wells, and they are called orphaned. They are spewing methane into the air right now.

I visited one with our Labor Secretary. It was right next door to a school. The methane that leaks from that abandoned and dirty well is breathed into the lungs of our students. The infrastructure bill will help clean it up, but the Build Back Better bill will say we don't want this to happen over and over again.

Build Back Better says: You can't walk away, oil and gas companies, you can't walk away from those wells and leave the mess for the taxpayers to clean up.

We asked the Interior Department to strengthen the bonding requirements so that the bonds cover the cost of cleaning them up. We also establish an idled-well fee so that oil and gas companies don't have and don't let these wells just sit unattended. If you are not going to be pumping from the well, close it down. Don't just let it spew methane into the air.

I also helped secure \$240 million for a Just Transition investment fund to create new economic opportunities in our energy communities. New Mexico relies on oil and gas for jobs and tax revenues. I am acutely aware of the benefits that this industry has brought to our State, but I am also acutely aware of the need to transition in a way that honors our communities and our workers who have worked in this industry, who have fueled our economy.

We now need a transition to renewable energy and to a clean energy economy, but in that transition we cannot leave any worker behind. And so Build Back Better includes money to invest in those communities so we can see new businesses arise. It also includes money to invest in the workers so that if they need to gain new skills that we are there for them, that our community colleges are there for them, that our apprenticeships are there for them.

But many of the skills that we need, like cleaning up the orphaned wells, are the same skills that you would use in the industry itself. So we are going to be creating good-paying jobs, and we are making sure in the Build Back Better plan that those jobs are union, if they want to be. We are making sure that we prioritize the jobs that pay well and that treat their workers well.

We also are investing in a civilian climate corps. I am very proud to have had my first job in the conservation corps, the Youth Conservation Corps. It taught me that cleaning and protecting our environment is hard work. I went out there with my boots and my shovel and my pickaxe, and we helped create trails, and we helped clean up those trails. It taught me about work ethic, but it also taught me about the importance of caring for the land that we love.

The civilian climate corps will do the same, but it will grow it. I have met with those who are engaged, like the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps. I give a shout-out to the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps because they are there managing our forests, working to protect our forests, and earning their degrees, starting new businesses coming from that experience in the climate corps, in the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps.

We are going to be investing in thousands and thousands of jobs for young people who will be able to go on and secure education, if that is what they

want, or start a business, if that is what they want, from the skills that they will have learned from the climate corps.

We also are going to be strengthening domestic manufacturing and the supply chains for critical goods because it is only when you address the root cause of the problems, which is our supply chains that you solve the problem.

We want to bring back manufacturing to this continent, to this country. There are those who talk about it the same way they talked for years about infrastructure week, but it doesn't help if all you do is talk about it. What you need to do is deliver. In the infrastructure plan, we are delivering to bring back the jobs that are needed to build those bridges. We are building that infrastructure.

We are delivering because Democrats deliver. In Build Back Better, we are going to be delivering the jobs of the future. We are going to be delivering the investments in manufacturing. We are going to be delivering the investments so our consumers can realize the benefits so that they are paid more and can really have the respect that comes along with a job that has the kind of benefits you need.

We are going to be delivering prescription drug price negotiation. We are going to be delivering the lowering of healthcare costs because for too long we have had those who would stand for Big Pharma instead of for those who need insulin, those who need Humira, those who need the kinds of drugs that make their life bearable, those who need the kinds of drugs that allow them to survive.

What we are doing in Build Back Better is making sure that we can negotiate to reduce those drug prices. That is something that we know Americans want. And so when we do not get a single Republican vote for lowering drug prices, remember that, that Republicans were unwilling to vote to lower drug prices because that is what this bill does.

Remember that Republicans were unwilling to vote for infrastructure, because that is what the infrastructure plan did.

I am asking, however, that we receive those votes, that we receive bipartisan support for the kinds of investments that we are going to be doing for our people.

I yield now to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE), an amazing colleague in the Congressional Progressive Caucus, an amazing colleague from the Equality Caucus who has fought for the rights of all Americans. He has fought for the Equality Act. He is one of the drafters of the Equality Act.

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding, and I appreciate the opportunity to speak about the President's vision for really investing in working families in this country and doing it in a way, par-

ticularly after COVID, that the economy is rebuilt so that everyone has opportunities and that not only people at the top realize their full potential and reap all the benefits, but that everyone in this country can benefit from the economic recovery that the President has articulated in the Build Back Better plan.

I have been in Congress now 11 years. I don't know that we have ever had a better example of what leadership from the President means in terms of understanding that the best way to grow the economy is to invest in working families, to invest in middle-class families by making sure they can access all of the opportunities that exist in this country.

And what are those struggles? Affordable childcare, universal pre-K, job training, lowering prescription drug costs, lowering the cost of healthcare.

When the President made his address to the joint session of Congress, what struck me in that speech was that President Biden identified virtually every single struggle I hear about from my constituents in Rhode Island—the high cost of prescription drugs, the high cost of healthcare, the high cost of childcare, the inability to access pre-K, difficulty retraining because of the absence of job training programs. It is as if the President put together everything I have heard that folks struggle with every day in this country, and he drafted and included all those in the Build Back Better provisions.

When you take the bipartisan infrastructure bill along with the Build Back Better legislation which we are about to pass, we are going to create 1½ million jobs a year for a decade, and that is extraordinary. These are good-paying, union jobs.

We are going to, for the first time, take on in a serious way the climate crisis. We are going to drive down costs of everything from prescription drugs to childcare to healthcare, and the best part about it is it is paid for by making sure the wealthiest people in this country and the most profitable corporations pay their fair share. My constituents pay their fair share. They expect everyone to do the same.

And so we have this extraordinary investment in working families that is going to give people an opportunity, move so many of the obstacles that allow folks to return to the workforce, particularly women. Women were devastated by the pandemic, particularly devastated.

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If we did the bipartisan infrastructure bill alone, a lot of that economic recovery would escape women in this country. The Build Back Better provisions are going to ensure many of those obstacles that prevent women from reentering the workforce are addressed so that our economy can realize the full benefit of the extraordinary talent of women in the workforce.

This economic recovery that we are all craving after 2 years of a very difficult time with this pandemic, that economic recovery is going to reach everyone in this country. It is going to begin with working families and middle-class families, who for the first time, I think, are going to be the focus of a very comprehensive strategy.

I am excited. I feel particularly honored to be in Congress at this moment, and I thank the President for his leadership in developing a plan to rebuild the middle class and address so many of the challenges that working families face.

I thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak during this Special Order hour, and I look forward to the passage of Build Back Better and all it is going to mean for families in my State and all across this country.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I do love it when this President always says we are going to rebuild this economy from the bottom up and the middle out because that is exactly who he is focused on. He is focused on giving us the opportunities, my constituents as well.

You know, there could not be two States that are more different than Rhode Island and New Mexico, but these are the same things we hear in New Mexico. We are addressing those in Build Back Better, and I can't be more excited as a freshman to be able to be here on the floor of the House and to vote for the American Rescue Plan because that really was the first step.

The American Rescue Plan saved our economy. It saved families from homelessness. It lowered hunger. It addressed the pandemic by giving us the vaccine.

The second step was the infrastructure bill. We talked earlier about how, last Thanksgiving, we were apart. This Thanksgiving, we are together because of the American Rescue Plan.

But the infrastructure bill, that is about repairing our infrastructure, which has been too long ignored.

Then this last one, Build Back Better, I am just overjoyed that I get to serve in Congress in this historic moment to work on these things that will be benefiting my grandchildren and their grandchildren. I want to leave them with this beautiful place we call home intact.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

VACCINE MANDATES NEED TO STOP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER) for 30 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that each Member have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I have said it before and I will say it again: The greatest threat that this pandemic has imposed on the American people is growing government control over their lives.

A stalled supply chain, exploding inflation, and a crisis at our southern border are all issues that require immediate attention. Yet, the Biden administration is not addressing any of these issues.

Instead, President Biden thinks it is a good idea to ignore the crisis he created and impose a crushing Federal vaccine mandate on businesses that will affect more than 80 million Americans and decimate our workforce.

My colleagues and I have had enough with President Biden's tone-deaf mandates.

Today, I was joined by all 50 Republican Senators and 107 Members in the House in introducing a Congressional Review Act to nullify President Biden's vaccine mandate on America's workers and businesses.

This mandate is illegal, and we are fighting to stop it. I am joined by my colleagues this evening to explain why we need to stop this.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative KELLER for yielding. It has been great starting the day today in prayer for our country and now finishing with this Special Order.

The Fifth Circuit blocking OSHA's COVID mandate is a huge win for the American people, but Biden and the far left aren't going to give up this power grab without a fight.

This vaccine mandate would destroy what is left of our economy and make Americans less safe.

We are forcing people to quit their jobs with unconstitutional mandates from an out-of-control Federal Government.

This mandate is causing the American people to be less safe by making firefighters, police officers, Border Patrol, and nurses to choose between the job or their job.

If U.S. military members are discharged, China and our adversaries stand to be the beneficiaries.

Natural immunity is completely ignored because natural immunity doesn't have a lobbyist here in D.C.

We cannot sit idly by while the government works to centralize the personal health information of Americans. Americans have the God-given right to the pursuit of happiness, and we will not bow to king Biden and his unconstitutional edicts.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN).

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congressman KELLER for hosting this Special Order and for his hard work and leadership.

I rise today with you and scores of our colleagues to call for congressional

review of President Biden's vaccine mandates.

During his tenure in the White House, President Biden has circumvented this Congress to issue multiple executive orders imposing vaccine mandates on all Federal employees, Federal contractors, healthcare workers, and even private businesses with more than 100 employees.

These mandates are forcing Americans to choose between their paychecks and their principles.

I have heard from multiple agents at the USDA's Farm Service Agency who have chosen to resign rather than receive the vaccine. Just a year ago, these same agents were deemed essential, connecting vital resources to farmers and ranchers, and today, they are out of a job.

Congress should immediately review these mandates in full and take up legislation like my bill, the Stop Vaccine Mandates Act, which would have prohibited OSHA from implementing a vaccine mandate on private businesses altogether.

Anyone who wants to receive a vaccine should do so, but that is a personal healthcare decision. It is not an arena for mandates from the government, and I am deeply disappointed by President Biden's policies and lack of responsible, legitimate concerns surrounding them. I will continue to push against these overreaching mandates with all of us and will fight to protect the freedoms of the American people.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN).

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Mr. KELLER, for leading this important effort in letting the American people know that we are fighting for you.

As I said since day one, folks should consult with their doctor and get the vaccine if they are able. But instead of allowing local healthcare providers and communities to instill confidence in the vaccine, the Biden administration is choosing to push a top-down government mandate, which does not work and will never work.

It comes down to this: Workers across the country are facing the choice to get vaccinated or lose their job.

This is the epitome of government overreach. Every American has the right to earn a living.

While I believe this mandate is likely unconstitutional, I look forward to watching it continue moving through the courts.

It is also our duty as Members of Congress to fight this legislatively. That is why it is important to exercise our authority under the Congressional Review Act to nullify this rule.

I am proud to fight for over 80 million workers who will be impacted by this overreaching mandate by ensuring this rule has no force or effect.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, like all other Congressmen, I am sure, my office has received many calls from people objecting to the OSHA rules and the CMS rules related to employees of hospitals.

It amazes me, the number of articulate doctors and nurses and other employees out there who have good reasons not to take the vaccine. Whether their doctors have told them don't take it because you already have antibodies, you have too many antibodies, the vaccine is going to make you sick; whether it is doctors who tell their patients you better not take the vaccine, your cancer is in remission, the vaccine can weaken you and bring it back.

Again and again, it appalls me that doctor Biden decides to weigh in and knows better for these people than what their own doctors do, not to mention there are plenty of things on the internet—which may be true even though they try to take them down and keep us in the dark—indicating that some very articulate people believe the vaccines are not for you anyway, and there are other ways to deal with the problem.

It is such a gross grab of power to think you can tell other people what they have to do with their own bodies. I sure hope America stands up and says no to this kind of hatred and arrogance.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. HERN).

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER) for hosting this Special Order this evening and for leading the charge on the Congressional Review Act.

President Biden is characterizing his agenda with three simple words: Build Back Better. More appropriately, it should be build back broke.

Our economy is in shambles, our supply chain strained to the breaking point, and inflation is out of control, and our friends across the aisle refuse to recognize that. At the heart of all these lies, lies a devastating labor shortage.

A few commonsense measures would address these problems to bring an end to the many crises, but President Biden instead chose to mandate vaccinations for workers, forcing small businesses to either fire their workers or face large fines.

Earlier today, OSHA announced that it will suspend enforcement of Biden's immoral and unconstitutional vaccine mandate after being blocked by the Fifth Circuit Court. Biden and his puppets knew that this mandate would likely not be held up in court but still went through with it anyway, proving their allegiance to the radical socialist mob rather than to the Constitution of these great United States.

To every American who raised your voice up and stood up to the gross Federal overreach, this victory is for you. I am proud to stand with my colleagues in opposition to this government overreach.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I rise today in opposition of the President's unconstitutional vaccine mandate.

Today, OSHA finally suspended enforcement of its vaccine mandate in response to the Fifth Circuit Court's ruling earlier this month. The only reason this happened is because Republicans and the people demanded that our rights be protected and used the power given to us by our Constitution to defend those rights.

And we can't stop now.

If these mandates are about public health, why do one-third of physicians disagree with them?

If these mandates are responding to an emergency, why do they not take effect until January 4?

If the mandates are based on science, why are we only looking at vaccine status and not natural immunity?

It is because Washington Democrats are trying to control you, not protect you.

Democratic leaders can't seem to follow their own rules and expectations. They party and gather with no masks, yet they expect their constituents to wear a mask at gatherings or even not gather at all.

President Biden, hypocrisy is not a viable COVID-19 mitigation strategy.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CARL).

Mr. CARL. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Pennsylvania for his leadership on this issue.

Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose President Biden's unconstitutional vaccine mandates on our businesses.

I believe this vaccine is effective. That is why I took it, and that is the reason my family has taken it. But I strongly believe getting the vaccine should be a personal choice, not a mandated choice.

The Federal Government has no right to mandate the vaccine on job creators or workers who are already struggling to recover from this pandemic and to get our supply chain back working properly again. The last thing they need right now is more government rules and regulations, and that is all we are seeing out of this administration.

The American people are fed up with it. They are fed up with Big Government overreach in our lives.

That is why I am proud to stand with so many of my colleagues to introduce this Congressional Review Act resolution, which would officially strike down President Biden's illegal vaccine mandate on our businesses.

We will continue doing all we can to fight back against President Biden's war on American workers, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to stand with us.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG).

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Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, today, we are here to take a stand against President Biden's unconstitutional vaccine mandate on private businesses and their employees. And in the end, I think it is clear that we need to make sure we understand this is unconstitutional, this goes against the American way and the American ideals.

By invoking the Congressional Review Act, we are taking an important step to protect the liberties of millions of Americans in the workforce, and more importantly, to protect American ideals and the freedoms that we expect.

In his first year as President, President Biden has led a lackluster economic recovery plagued by record inflation, supply chain backlogs, and workforce shortages. The President's coercive mandate will only worsen issues within the workforce as millions could face termination—wrongly and unnecessarily.

I have heard from many constituents concerned about their livelihoods. Small businesses concerned about keeping their doors open. Rural healthcare providers concerned about meeting staffing demands and even staying in business. While I am encouraged to see the early court rulings on this issue, and OSHA's step to back up a little bit today, Congress must not stand on the sidelines.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Pennsylvania for his leadership in introducing this legislation, and I am proud to be a cosponsor.

We have had enough topdown mandates.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX), a great mentor, an outstanding person, my good friend.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank him for leading this Special Order tonight.

Madam Speaker, the Biden administration's unprecedented OSHA vaccine mandate is a massive power grab. This national diktat was recently found likely to be unlawful by the Fifth Circuit and it stretches the power of the Federal Government beyond recognition. Requiring employers to be the vaccine and testing police and telling them who they can and cannot employ is a bridge too far.

Further, this mandate will crush businesses with exorbitant costs while exacerbating the worker shortage. Why would the Biden administration make this crisis worse? It is clear that the Biden administration is using this pandemic as an excuse to inflate the power of the Federal Government as far as possible. That is what we must resist.

To get our economy back on track, we don't need more crippling mandates and regulations, we need to support workers and job creators.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT), my friend and colleague.

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER), and thank him for his better-than-lackluster handling of this event tonight. It is much appreciated.

Madam Speaker, for the past several weeks, I have been coming down here to make the point over and over again that Joe Biden's vaccine mandate is ridiculous and unconstitutional. Many of my colleagues have done the same. We all agree that no American should lose their job for deciding not to take the coronavirus vaccine.

Today, our efforts paid off. Biden's Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced just a few hours ago that it is suspending plans to implement a vaccine mandate on large employers. The bureaucrats saw the writing on the wall after a court blocked the vaccine mandate last weekend.

The victory doesn't mean the fight is over. Joe Biden's administration will try again to punish Americans who decide not to take the shot. As a matter of fact, they are even advising some to just disregard the court order.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate Mr. KELLER for leading this effort to overturn Biden's vaccine mandate. It is good to know we have this legislative measure ready to go if Biden launches another attack on unvaccinated Americans.

Madam Speaker, many Americans still have questions about the coronavirus vaccine. They should have the freedom to make the choice that is right for them without government threatening their jobs. Our country is a symbol of personal liberty and freedom, a government vaccine mandate is out of touch with these values.

We have a responsibility to preserve our Nation's values to protect our constituents from extreme government overreach.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Madam Speaker, I yield to gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER).

Mr. PFLUGER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER), my colleague.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to shed light on the outrageous overreaching vaccine mandate that is devastating the lives of Americans, including those that I represent.

Everywhere I go in my district, I hear from workers across all sectors who are facing the prospect of being fired. And why? Simply because Joe Biden and the White House think that they know better, that they have made a different medical decision than the powers that be in the White House.

A few examples of calls that I have received just this week: A soon-to-be-mother who doesn't want to take the vaccine until after she gives birth is facing termination. The countless healthcare workers who have sacrificed so much for the last year-and-a-half-plus to save the lives of all of us to be there to serve us, and now they are facing termination. A married couple recently moved to San Angelo during the pandemic in search of freedom and personal liberty that Texas so desperately promises the rest of the country. And now the husband, an Air Force veteran and a Border Patrol agent, faces termination due to President Biden's egregious Federal overreach.

It is about control. This is about control. This vaccine mandate is another example of Democrats' belief that the government should control every aspect of our lives.

America, wake up. The message is the same: That the President thinks he knows better for you than you know for yourself. We must strike down Biden's unconstitutional vaccine mandate now.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much for those remarks.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE).

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, today, I stand in opposition to President Biden's vaccine mandate on businesses issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals confirmed that the Biden administration is severely misusing his power. While OSHA's delegated authority was intended to be used with precision and tact, President Biden has wielded it carelessly.

Just yesterday, in keeping with the Fifth Circuit's ruling, OSHA itself suspended implementation of this mandate. Even so, my colleagues and I in Congress know we, too, must fight against this mandate.

The COVID-19 vaccines are miracles of modern medicine and has saved lives and quickened the end of the pandemic.

My family has embraced it. I am comfortable with my parents having used this to live a more outward life, but we cannot forget that America is founded upon principles enshrined in our Constitution that protect an individual's ability to make their own decisions.

When I swore to uphold the Constitution, I promised to fight against efforts to undermine these rights, and I stand by that oath today.

Madam Speaker, I urge support for this CRA.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for those comments.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. ESTES), my good friend and colleague.

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for hosting this Special Order.

Madam Speaker, following the Biden administration's overreaching mandates, hundreds of Kansans have shared their concerns with me about how this would affect their jobs, livelihoods, and families.

One vaccinated individual wrote saying, "I would love for people to be vaccinated, but mandating a vaccination, and even worse, making the employers the enforcers, is yet another example of government pushing more onto the plates of business managers."

Others tell me how they have been at the same company for decades, some near retirement and some who continue to work faithfully in person each day through the pandemic, especially our first responders and healthcare workers, yet they are being demoted or forced to retire or resign because they made some personal healthcare choices. One teacher wrote, "My doctor and I discussed the vaccine and deemed it would not be good for me to get it."

Madam Speaker, these Kansans aren't anti-vaccine, they just don't believe that the Federal Government should be forcing them and their neighbors to make a healthcare decision or lose a job.

My colleagues and I are utilizing the Congressional Review Act to attempt to strike down one of these mandates, hopefully putting an end to this overreach by the administration and the Federal Government.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I thank the good gentleman from Kansas.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER), my good friend and fellow Pennsylvanian.

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. KELLER for his leadership on this issue. My wonderful colleague from Pennsylvania introduced the Congressional Review Act, and I rise today in strong support of this act, which would block President Biden's misguided and, frankly, I think unconstitutional mandate. I thank him for his efforts and I am very, very happy to be able to support that.

Madam Speaker, I will say first, that I think the U.S. and what we have accomplished in developing a vaccine through Operation Warp Speed was a remarkable achievement of science and of a system in our country that develops the best medical system and the best drugs from across the world. And to be able to do that in the amount of time that it was done and to manufacture those drugs in a large scale is nothing short of amazing.

Personally, for myself, my family, we have discussed this with our doctor. We got the vaccine early on when it became available. And I have encouraged Pennsylvanians to speak with their own doctors and make their own decisions about the direction they want to take. And many Pennsylvanians have,

and I think Mr. KELLER knows this as well.

We now are at over 70 percent of our Commonwealth vaccinated, which begs the question for me: What ever happened to herd immunity? What ever happened?

Every one of us were in the room early on during this vaccine when we heard from Dr. Fauci and heard from other experts who talked about herd immunity. And they were talking about herd immunity being achieved when about 70 percent—or even less after we learned that COVID was not as fatal as was originally feared. At that point, we could do away with government mandates—many that were unnecessary in the first place, by the way—but we could reopen the economy and could control COVID; 70 percent. We are there, but nobody is talking about it anymore. CDC doesn't talk about it. This administration doesn't talk about it. What happened?

Madam Speaker, so I agree, there has got to be something else going on. And other speakers tonight have talked about it. There has got to be something more, and I fear it is control. It is control that people want.

I think we should trust the science. I think you should listen to your medical professionals. Certainly, it shouldn't be government topdown mandates.

I hear from employers every day who are worried that this mandate will further harm their ability to hire and retrain staff. They are already having a lot of problems due to some of the policies of this administration, but this will make it a lot worse. And I also hear from employees every day that are worried that this mandate may threaten their jobs and may threaten their livelihoods.

I have been heartened that over half of States have sued the administration to reverse this mandate, and I have also joined with my Republican colleagues from Pennsylvania to call on our attorney general in our State to join that litigation.

Madam Speaker, I stand ready to oppose this mandate; do everything that I can to block this and any vaccine mandates that this White House puts forth.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. KELLER for his leadership.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA), my good friend.

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman and appreciate him hosting this Special Order for us here tonight.

Madam Speaker, so what do we have? The Biden administration has been trying to keep their fingerprints off of it for a long time. They have been trying to let others do their dirty work; the airlines, the hospitals, forcing these vaccines on people. Why is that? They

don't want to have their fingerprints on it.

So now they are getting impatient. You can go back and look at clips where they say, Oh, it is not the role of the Federal Government, by Jen Psaki, by others in the administration. It is not our job. We are not supposed to do this. Now they don't care. They are pushing forward.

So the Fifth Circuit came in and said, You are going overboard by getting OSHA to do the dirty work for you. They said it was "staggeringly overbroad," and they told them take no steps to implement or enforce the mandate until further court order. It raises serious constitutional questions. It likely exceeds the Federal Government's authority.

So they have stepped out of line and they have been slapped back. It is amazing, because the people on the front lines this year-and-a-half our nurses, doctors, and others that are called the essential employees, have been playing good ball. Now, they are being told, Oh, that is not good enough anymore. You can't have your job anymore unless you take this vaccine.

Personal decisions. You can't undo a vaccine once you have had it taken. And so the aggressiveness of this administration towards people's personal decisions is just amazingly overbroad. I am really pleased we are doing this Congressional Review Act to nullify OSHA's mandate that has been, at least for a while, set aside by the Fifth Circuit Court and hopefully joined across the street by the Supreme Court.

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the time.

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Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the remarks from the gentleman of California and all the Members who stood here today. I thank my colleagues in both the House and the Senate for standing with the American people in opposition to this blatant overreach by President Biden.

Our Congressional Review Act resolution puts every Member of Congress on record. You are either for this blatant government overreach and control, or you are against it. You are either with this kind of control, or you are with the American people.

Well, I will tell you right now, my colleagues who spoke here today, the people who are helping with this Congressional Review Act, my colleagues in the Senate, we are with the people for whom we work. We are with the American people, saying they know best.

It is not government that runs things here in America. It is we the people. We stand with the people in opposing this overreach by the Biden administration.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from en-

gaging in personalities toward the President and to direct their remarks to the Chair.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. NEWMAN) for 30 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the transgender Americans who must fight every day for their right to live as their authentic selves.

This Saturday, November 20, marks Transgender Day of Remembrance, a day to honor the memory of the transgender and nonbinary people whose lives were lost this year in acts of violence.

Tomorrow, I am proudly joining my colleagues and fellow Transgender Equality Task Force co-chairs, Representatives PRAMILA JAYAPAL and JENNIFER WEXTON, to formally introduce a resolution to nationally commemorate this very somber annual observance.

At least 375 transgender or nonbinary individuals across the globe have been killed this year—375. In our Nation alone, it breaks my heart to say that, so far this year, the Human Rights Campaign has reported at least 46 transgender or gender nonconforming people were killed by violent means. We say "at least" because we believe this number is actually much higher due to the unfortunate prevalence of underreporting or misreporting violence against this community.

They were friends, family, loved ones, parents. They were taken far too soon. We must honor their memory with a commitment to fight anti-trans hate and violence anywhere it exists.

It is with this commitment that I now read the names of each of these Americans into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. May their memory serve as a call to action for all of us:

Tyanna Alexander
Samuel Edmund Damian Valentin
Bianca "Muffin" Bankz
Dominique Jackson
Fifty Bandz
Alexus Braxton
Chyna Carrillo
Jeffrey "JJ" Bright
Jasmine Cannady
Jenna Franks
Diamond Kyree Sanders
Rayanna Pardo
Jaida Peterson

Dominique Lucious
Remy Fennel
Tiara Banks
Natalia Smut
Iris Santos
Tiffany Thomas
Keri Washington
Jahaira DeAlto
Whispering Wind Bear Spirit
Sophie Vasquez
Danika "Danny" Henson
Serenity Hollis
Oliver "Ollie" Taylor
Thomas Hardin
Poe Black
EJ Boykin
Aidelen Evans
Taya Ashton
Shai Vanderpump
Tierramarie Lewis
Miss CoCo
Pooh Johnson
Disaya Monae
Briana Hamilton
Kier Lapri Kartier
Mel Groves
Royal Poetical Starz
Zoella "Zoey" Rose Martinez
Jo Acker
Jessi Hart
Rikkey Outumuro
Marquisha Lawrence
Jenny De Leon

Madam Speaker, may we honor their memory today and every day.

Madam Speaker, I yield to my colleague from the great State of Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE), the chair of the congressional LGBTQ-Plus Equality Caucus.

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding, for leading us in this Special Order hour, and for saying out loud the names of the individuals who we have lost.

I am proud today to rise in recognition of Transgender Day of Remembrance, which we will mark this Saturday, November 20, and in remembrance of the transgender and gender nonconforming people whose lives were taken this year.

Madam Speaker, 52 years ago, in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, New York City Police raided the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in Greenwich Village. It had become a refuge and a well-known gathering place for LGBTQI-plus individuals.

This was the third such raid on Greenwich Village bars in a short period of time. Tired of harassment and blatant discrimination, patrons began clashing with law enforcement outside the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street.

This was not the first time LGBTQI-plus people fought back, but these clashes sparked an uprising that would unfold over the next 6 days and fundamentally change LGBTQI-plus activism in the United States and around the world.

At the forefront of this uprising were transgender and gender nonconforming people like Marsha P. Johnson, the P standing for "pay it no mind," a common response Marsha would say to questions about her gender.

Too often, transgender individuals are left out of the story of the LGBTQ-plus rights movement, especially transgender women of color like Marsha, as well as Sylvia Rivera and Miss Major Griffin-Gracy.

These three icons and so many other activists like them were and continue to be the backbone of the LGBTQ-plus civil rights movement. Miss Major, currently in her eighties, continues to fight against the disproportionate incarceration rates of transgender people.

Tragically, so far this year, at least 46 transgender or gender nonconforming people have been fatally shot or killed by other violent means in our own country. 2021 marks an alarming milestone for the transgender community: the deadliest year on record for transgender and gender nonconforming people. Let me say it again: the deadliest year on record for trans and gender nonconforming people.

This epidemic of violence particularly affects transgender women of color, specifically Black and Latinx transgender women, who make up more than three-quarters of the recorded 46 violent deaths this year. These deaths are horrific, and we must act to end this violence.

The right to live freely without fear of persecution or discrimination is one that every person needs and deserves. The Equality Act adds sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes through existing civil rights law, ensuring that the transgender community would have the same protections as everyone else. I am so proud that we have passed that out of the House, and it is awaiting action from the Senate.

The 2021 Transgender Day of Remembrance House resolution, of which I am a proud cosponsor, commemorates November 20, 2021, as a day of remembrance and memorializes the lives lost at the hands of anti-transgender violence in the United States and around the world. I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

Now is the time to show solidarity with the trans community. They have done the work to bring injustice wrought against the LGBTQI-plus community to light. They bear the brunt of violence, abuse, and even death. It cannot continue. We must not let it continue.

Madam Speaker, as we remember the names of the transgender individuals who gave their lives for this cause, we honor their legacy by continuing the fight to ensure that all people, regardless of gender and gender identity, are treated equally and justly in this country.

Madam Speaker, the forces working against progress are strong, but we are stronger. I thank Congresswoman NEWMAN for being one of the co-chairs of the Transgender Equality Task Force of the Equality Caucus, for the good work in developing this resolution, and for leading this Special Order hour tonight.

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congressman CICILLINE, who is an amazing champion for the Equality Act and all things LGBTQI. I couldn't be more pleased to be his colleague.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO), a co-chair of the Congressional LGBTQ-plus Equality Caucus and the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs' Committee, where he champions legislation to serve our LGBTQ-plus veterans.

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman NEWMAN for yielding. It is a great honor to be here today under such somber circumstances.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Transgender Day of Remembrance and Transgender Awareness Week. It is with a heavy heart that I recognize that this has been the deadliest year on record for our transgender sisters, brothers, and siblings. I want to share with you the names of three individuals that we lost in my home State of California. I grieve with the families, loved ones, and communities that lost these young people far too early for no reason other than hate.

Rayanna Pardo, age 26, was a beloved daughter and sister living in East Los Angeles who left behind a family and community that loved her deeply. She was lost in March of this year.

Natalia Smut, age 24, was a celebrated drag artist from Milpitas, California. She gave captivating performances and had a courageous and creative spirit, and she was described by those who knew her as a jewel in her community. She was lost in April.

Poe Black, also known as Oliver Jackson and Legion, was an indigenous, trans-masculine and two-spirit activist and artist. He was a tireless advocate who used his social media platform to support various social justice causes, including by documenting his transition to educate and inspire his followers. He was lost in May.

Each of these young people leaves behind a network of family, friends, and community upon which they have made an indelible impression. I join their communities in honoring their light and legacy and share in the grief that they were taken from the people who loved them.

It is in remembrance of these three individuals that I say this: Transgender Week of Awareness cannot only be about awareness. It also must be about action.

We cannot pretend that the rhetoric heard here in this Chamber and in statehouses across the country does not have a direct impact on the lives of transgender people. This year, we have seen the introduction of over 100 anti-trans bills in State legislatures, whipping up a moral panic around the identities of adults and targeting children.

The dehumanizing debates over whether an individual should have control over their own body, whether they should be allowed to compete on the

athletic field, whether they even exist, these arguments all connect directly to the types of attacks that killed Rayanna, Natalia, Poe Black, and so many more.

It is not enough to only recognize the devastating statistics. We must also make policy decisions that recognize transgender people for who they are.

Who are they? They are loved ones, community members, family members, individuals who add depth and richness to our society and are defined by far more than statistics, hatred, or bigotry.

So this Transgender Remembrance Day, remember those who were lost by making noise. Raise your voice against the persistent and dangerous misinformation about transgender identity. Raise your voice in celebration of loved ones, friends, family, and community members who are transgender.

Raise your voice to support the next generation of transgender and non-binary young people so that they may recognize the great beauty and joy in their identity rather than living in fear or shame.

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Now, we cannot bring those who have been lost back to their loved ones, but we can play a role in ensuring that other friends, families, and communities do not have to suffer a loss like Rayanna's, Natalia's and Poe Black's communities did. So I call on my colleagues this year to turn awareness into action because making policy that centers on safety, equity, and prosperity for transgender people should not be an effort that lasts only a week, but it should be all year round and throughout the rest of our lives.

Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congressman TAKANO for all his advocacy and leadership.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY), who is a champion of LGBTQ-plus rights and whose intersectional approach is simply inspirational.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Transgender Day of Remembrance.

In 1999, Rita Hester, a transgender woman, was murdered in Allston, a neighborhood in my district, the Massachusetts Seventh. In response to this horrific tragedy, this day was created to memorialize the loss of her life and far too many others due to transphobic violence.

The cruelty of transphobia is a threat that we must confront and root out wherever it exists. Whether in music or on television or in the hallowed Halls of the Nation's Capitol, there is no place for hatred because someone is brave enough to show up exactly as they are and to live their truth.

Yet in 2021, we have seen at least 46 transgender or gender nonconforming

people killed. We have been robbed of at least 46 souls, disproportionately Black and Latinx transwomen, and these are only the ones who have been properly reported.

On the floor of Congress, we speak their names:

Tyianna Alexander
 Samuel Edmund Damian Valentin
 Bianca “Muffin” Bankz
 Dominique Jackson
 Fifty Bandz
 Alexis Braxton
 Chyna Carrillo
 Jeffrey “JJ” Bright
 Jasmine Cannady
 Jenna Franks
 Diamond Kyree Sanders
 Rayanna Pardo
 Jaida Peterson
 Dominique Luscious
 Remy Fennell
 Tiara Banks
 Natalia Smut
 Iris Santos
 Tiffany Thomas
 Keri Washington
 Whispering Wind Bear Spirit
 Sophie Vasquez
 Danika “Danny” Henson
 Serenity Hollis
 Oliver “Ollie” Taylor
 Thomas Hardin
 Poe Black
 EJ Boykin
 Aidelen Evans
 Taya Ashton
 Shai Vanderpump
 Tierramarie Lewis
 Miss CoCo
 Pooh Johnson
 Disaya Monae
 Briana Hamilton
 Kier Lapri Kartier
 Mel Groves
 Royal Poetical Starz
 Zoella “Zoey” Rose Martinez
 Jo Acker
 Jessi Hart
 Rikkey Outumuro
 Marquiisha Lawrence
 Jenny De Leon

And Jahaira DeAlto who was murdered in my district.

Jahaira, a friend, a mother, and an activist spoke out 22 years ago when Rita Hester was killed. As a survivor of domestic violence, she advocated for gender affirming shelters and, with kindness in her heart, opened her home to queer and trans people with nowhere to go.

Jahaira DeAlto’s compassion will forever be her legacy, alongside her legendary status in the ballroom community for serving “everyday realness.”

While we grieve the loss of loved ones, neighbors, and colleagues, we must also hold space to celebrate their lives and the differences they make in ours.

Transgender people are community organizers, military soldiers, and justice seekers who have put their bodies on the line domestically and abroad to fight for a safe and equitable society. They are artists, healers, and entertainers who nurture our soul and

spread joy wherever they go. Most importantly, transgender people are beacons of hope and pillars of courage serving as living testaments of what it means to be unapologetically you.

While transphobia seeks to erase these truths, we must affirm the dignity of every member of the trans community.

So I rise today to remember Transgender Day of Remembrance and recommit myself to the work of justice and equity for all people, including my transgender siblings in the movement for liberation. Our destinies are tied.

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman PRESSLEY for all her great work.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from the great State of California (Ms. JACOBS), who is a proud sister to a trans brother and gender nonconforming sibling.

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman NEWMAN for yielding and thanks to the Equality Caucus for organizing this Special Order.

As the gentlewoman mentioned, I am the proud sister of a trans brother and a gender nonconforming sibling. I am also the proud Representative of Hillcrest, the heart of San Diego’s LGBTQ+ community, so this issue is deeply personal to me and to the people whom I love.

Every time that we hear about another trans person being murdered, I think about my siblings and my constituents, and my heart breaks because this epidemic of violence has gone on for too long.

For too long, trans voices have been silenced, ignored, and disrespected. Whether they are trying to access healthcare, trying to find housing, or even when they are just trying to go about their daily lives, our trans neighbors and friends face discrimination, harassment, and a pervasive lack of resources.

Even in this body, we have colleagues actively working to prevent equality for the trans community who continue to misgender and dehumanize our trans friends and family and continue denying them the support they need and are trying to keep them on the margins of our society.

This rhetoric and this anti-trans legislation making its way through the country has real-world consequences. With the recent news of the killing of Marquiisha Lawrence in South Carolina, 2021 just became the deadliest year on record for trans and nonbinary people. This year alone at least 45 trans people have been killed.

It is, at least, because all too often when trans people are killed, the details of their lives are misreported. They are misgendered or deadnamed in police reports and death certificates. So not only are their lives being taken from them, their authentic identity—who they really were and fought so hard to be—is also being erased. So we must continue to say the names of peo-

ple like Poe Black and Natalia Smut who were killed this year in California.

Their lives are a reminder that we must continue to fight for trans equality especially for transwomen of color.

As important as it is for us to celebrate the lives of the trans people who were taken from us, we also need to celebrate trans people when they are still alive. So this Transgender Awareness Week, let us commit to uplifting trans people when they are still here not only after they are gone.

I honor the strength and resilience of the trans community. I will continue to make their voices heard in the Halls of Congress, and I will continue to advocate for the support that they have been denied for far too long.

I want any young person who is watching this to know that they are perfect, they are loved, and they are needed in this world exactly the way they are, and I will be here every day fighting for them.

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman JACOBS for her kind remarks.

I have one more speaker, Madam Speaker. We have Representative AL GREEN, who is an LGBTQ ally.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN).

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

And still I rise, Madam Speaker, as a proud ally of the transgender community. And I rise tonight with a special message. This message means a lot to me because I truly believe that the pledge is correct. We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God with liberty and justice for all.

All cannot exclude the trans community. All has to include the trans babies and the children in Texas who are having to suffer through debates about what they can do athletically. All has to include people who lose their lives simply because they are being who they are.

I rise with a message of I am with you, I am your ally, and I live today to live to see the day that transwomen will not have to live in fear of dying because of who they are and trans children can grow up and simply be children in this country where we pledge liberty and justice for all.

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Congressman GREEN. He is absolutely right. All is all and love is love.

That concludes our Special Order hour. I want to thank each of my colleagues this evening for their participation.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

AND STILL I RISE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise on this occasion to bring to the attention of this House H. Res. 746, the Original National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resolution of 2021.

H. Res. 746 expresses support for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and that Congress should continue to raise awareness of this issue.

This resolution has 160 original cosponsors including 18 Republicans. It is a bipartisan resolution. I am honored to say that the lead cosponsor from Louisiana, Mr. GARRET GRAVES, is a person who has been very helpful in helping to get this resolution presented and get signatures of persons who would be supportive.

Domestic violence is a more prolific problem than many realize. Domestic violence is a problem that too often is concealed. Many people don't report the fact that they are being abused. People are locked in. They find themselves having to live with abuse because the abuse is being perpetrated by someone that they love and someone whom they care for but someone who does not care as much for them.

Nearly one in three college women say they have been in an abusive dating relationship. Ninety-two percent of homeless women experience severe physical or sexual abuse at some point in their lifetimes.

A 2020 survey by the National Network to End Domestic Violence reported that 76,525 violence victims were served by domestic violence shelters and programs around the Nation in a single day. Additionally, 11,047 requests for services went unmet—went unmet—because of a lack of resources. We have to do more to help the victims of domestic violence. Congress can do more to help the victims of domestic violence. Congress should do more to help the victims of domestic violence.

Domestic violence impacts individuals of any gender. One in four women and one in seven men ages 18 and older will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. Women ages 18 to 34 experience the highest rates per capita of intimate partner violence.

Domestic violence impacts individuals of any race. African-American women experience intimate partner violence at a rate 35 percent higher than that of White women and about 2.5 times the rate of women of other races.

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Twenty-one to 55 percent of Asian and Pacific Islander women report experiencing domestic violence; that is, physical assault, sexual assault, or both, during their lifetimes.

37.1 percent of Latinx females are victimized by intimate partner violence in a lifetime. One in three Native American women will be raped, and 6 in 10 will be physically assaulted in their lifetimes.

Domestic violence impacts individuals of any sexual orientation. Sixty-one percent of bisexual women, 43.8

percent of lesbian women, 37.3 of bisexual men, and 26 percent of homosexual men experience intimate partner violence during their lifetimes.

Too often, children are affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. One in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90 percent of these children are eyewitnesses to such violence.

Children exposed to domestic violence are more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, and become victims of human trafficking. Our children are suffering. Those who witness these acts of domestic violence need help. We need to provide more counseling for children.

Even when this tragedy occurs, it is shameful for children to have to witness it. But more tragic than that, when children themselves are victimized, they have to carry that memory with them for a lifetime.

One in 10 District of Columbia high school students reported experiencing physical violence from a dating partner in the past year. Half of youth who have been victims of both dating violence and rape attempt suicide, compared to 12.5 percent of non-abused girls and 5.4 percent of non-abused boys.

One large study found that men exposed to physical abuse, sexual abuse, and adult domestic violence as children were almost four times more likely than other men to have perpetrated domestic violence as adults.

The point to be made is, those who suffer from domestic violence and abuse are likely to perpetrate domestic violence and abuse; not all, but a good many.

There is a need for primary schools, secondary schools, and postsecondary schools to educate students about the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Education is the means by which many can avoid becoming victims. We must do more to educate our young.

The term domestic violence is often inadequate because it fails to capture the full extent of the impacts that the event can have on a victim's life. The average cost of intimate partner violence over a victim's lifetime for medical and mental healthcare services is about \$103,000-plus—that is for women—and \$23,000-plus for men.

The term domestic violence also fails to capture how, in some instances, domestic violence literally means domestic murder because, on average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or their boyfriends in the United States every day.

Most murdered transgender women are killed by intimate partners.

However, in spite of all of this, there is hope. Survivors of domestic violence are strong, courageous, and resilient, but they need help. Surviving the physical and mental abuse requires more than simply relocating. Many times, counseling is needed.

The strength that they have is something that we can admire, but that strength can be fortified if they can have proper counseling so that they can get the assistance that they need, not only to stabilize themselves mentally, but also to understand that they are not the reason for the violence being perpetrated upon them. Too often, the victims believe that they are responsible for the actions of the persons who are abusing them. They need help.

This is what we can do. We can help to make sure people understand that victims are not responsible for what perpetrators do.

A recently released multistate study shows that the Nation's domestic violence shelters are addressing victims urgent and long-term needs, and are helping victims protect themselves and their children. Domestic violence advocates provide lifesaving essential services. There is a need to increase, not reduce funding for programs aimed at intervening in and preventing domestic violence in the United States.

So therefore, I am so proud tonight to say that we should resolve that the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month are important; that these goals and ideals should be pursued; that this House of Representatives can do more to help the victims of domestic violence.

I would also add that this resolution expresses the sense that the House of Representatives—that Congress—should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence and its devastating effects on individuals, families, communities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence in the United States.

Madam Speaker, people ought not have to live in fear because they happen to be in an abusive relationship. Yes, people can take their issues to the police. Women can. But too often they have to debate within themselves the consequences of going to the police, the authorities, because they understand, many of them, that they have no other place to turn to.

But thank God this Congress has provided enough money for shelters so that many can leave the environment where the abuse is being perpetrated.

This is a serious issue that we should all be concerned with. If we allow the perpetration and perpetuation of domestic violence to continue, it does not bode well for the fiber and fabric of our country. This is a great country, and a great country can protect people who are being abused in their own homes.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GRIFFITH (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of a funeral for a slain officer in his district.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 2, 2021, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 1899. To amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for the modification, transfer, and termination of a registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances or list I chemicals, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
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Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2689. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the threat from securities investments that finance certain companies of the People's Republic of China that was declared in Executive Order 13959 of November 12, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2690. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2691. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic that was declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2692. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. SCANLON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 795. Resolution providing for con-

sideration of the resolution (H. Res. 789) censuring Representative Paul Gosar (Rept. 117-174). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. ESTES, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. COLE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. BABIN):

H.R. 5991. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure the completion of a marginal well study by the Secretary of Energy so as to inform the development of certain rules under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. AXNE (for herself, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mrs. HINSON, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. HARTZLER, and Mr. FORTENBERRY):

H.R. 5992. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a cattle contract library, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD:

H.R. 5993. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to establish a competitive grant program under which the Secretary will award grants to certain institutions to establish American Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Worker Training Centers of Excellence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. BASS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHSTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. LIEU, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NEWMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RASKIN, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 5994. A bill to prevent discrimination and harassment in employment; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, House Administration, Oversight and Reform, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. EMMER (for himself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BOST, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. LUTKEMEYER, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. BANKS, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. SMUCKER, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. HARRIS, and Mr. NORMAN):

H.R. 5995. A bill to provide research on, and services for, individuals with clinical mental health complications following a pregnancy loss, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FORTENBERRY (for himself and Ms. MENG):

H.R. 5996. A bill to continue the whole-of-government approach to ending global wildlife poaching and trafficking by permanently reauthorizing the activities of the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOLDEN (for himself, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. DESAULNIER):

H.R. 5997. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit 501(c)(4) entities from using more than 10 percent of total expenditures on certain political expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. GUTHRIE):

H.R. 5998. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on authorities available to States under the State Medicaid programs under title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend waivers granted during the COVID-19 emergency period beyond such period; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. NORTON, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. DEAN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. SIREN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BASS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TRONE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CARSON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. TONKO, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. MALINOWSKI):

H.R. 5999. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to restrict the use of exotic and wild animals in traveling performances; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 6000. A bill to continue the acceleration of the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Education and Labor, Armed Services, Natural Resources, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security, and the Judiciary, for a

period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KHANNA (for himself and Mr. MEIJER):

H.R. 6001. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require law enforcement officials to obtain a warrant before accessing data stored in cars, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. KIM of California (for herself and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H.R. 6002. A bill to require a standard financial aid offer form, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. KUSTER (for herself and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 6003. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve and extend the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself, Mr. SCALISE, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BACON, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BARR, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BOST, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BUCK, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. EMMER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. GOHMBERT, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. GUEST, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. HILL, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. KELLER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LATTA, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. LONG, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Ms. MACE, Mr. MAST, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALMER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PERRY, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. ROY, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SMUCKER, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. STEWART, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. TURNER, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WALBERG, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. FULCHER, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. POSEY, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. ROSE, Ms. CHENEY, and Mrs. BOEBERT):

H.R. 6004. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for a United States Embassy, Consulate General, Legation, Consular Office, or any other diplomatic facility in Jerusalem other than the United States Embassy to the State of Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Ms. PORTER, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms.

BONAMICI, Mr. COOPER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SIRES, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. NEWMAN, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. TITUS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. TAKANO, Mrs. MCBATH, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. MENG, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. MANNING, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. OMAR, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. KAHELE, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. CROW, Mr. LIEU, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. CHU, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SOTO, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. TRONE, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BASS, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. DEAN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. PERLMUTTER):

H.R. 6005. A bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, medication related to contraception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCHENRY (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Mr. BRADY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. EMMER, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. SOTO, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, and Mr. BUDD):

H.R. 6006. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the definition of broker, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. O'HALLERAN (for himself and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 6007. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the expansion of coverage of vaccines under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 6008. A bill to provide for a grant program to support access to free eye care services for students attending public elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT (for himself, Mr. FALLON, and Mr. GOHMBERT):

H.R. 6009. A bill to provide that the public health emergency declared with respect to

COVID-19 shall terminate on the date on which the Secretary of Health and Human Services approves, or authorizes emergency use of, a drug intended to treat COVID-19; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. NORCROSS):

H.R. 6010. A bill to ensure that contractor employees on army corps projects are paid prevailing wages as required by law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 6011. A bill to require certain manufactured goods introduced for sale in the United States to have a domestic value content of more than 50 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H.R. 6012. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a demonstration program for projects that improve electric grid resilience with respect to wildfires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. VELA:

H.R. 6013. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the charitable mileage rate with the business travel rate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.J. Res. 64. A joint resolution designating a "Slavery Remembrance Day" on August 20th, to serve as a reminder of the evils of slavery; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. KELLER (for himself, Ms. FOX, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. COMER, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. MCCLAINE, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mrs. STEEL, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. PERRY, Mr. LATTA, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. ROY, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. BOST, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. TIFFANY, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. HILL, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HERN, Mr. GUEST, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. EMMER, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. COLE, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. PALMER, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MANN, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. BISHOP

of North Carolina, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. ISSA, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. BABIN, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MAST, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. CLINE, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. JACOBS of New York, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. FALLON, Mr. DUNN, Mr. ESTES, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. BACON, Mr. CARL, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. STEIL, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. BARR, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. ROSE, Mr. NUNES, Mr. MEIJER, Mr. POSEY, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Ms. MACE, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. TURNER, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BRADY, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.J. Res. 65. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard"; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. COLE:

H. Res. 796. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit the consideration of a resolution proposing to remove a Member from a standing committee unless the resolution is offered by, or with the concurrence of, the Leader of the party of the Member that is the subject of the resolution; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. AGUILAR):

H. Res. 797. A resolution expressing support for the designation of November 17, 2021, as "National GIS Day"; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Mr. SWALWELL, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. COSTA, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. CARSON, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. BONAMICI, and Ms. STRICKLAND):

H. Res. 798. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the relationship between firearm violence and intimate partner violence and to honor the memory of Gladys Ricart and other victims of intimate partner homicide killed by firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, Natural Resources, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H. Res. 799. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit the consideration of a bill or joint resolution, or any amendment thereto or conference report thereon, that includes reconciliation legislation prior to the receipt by the committee of jurisdiction of the cost analysis for such legislation from the Congressional Budget Office; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. HAGEDORN (for himself, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. KELLER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. BUDD, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. MANN, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BOST, Mr. MAST, Mr. PERRY, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. BABIN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CRAWFORD, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H. Res. 800. A resolution recognizing the two-year anniversary of the November 2019 massacre by the Islamic Republic of Iran and condemning the human rights violations by the Islamic Republic of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. OMAR, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Ms. BUSH):

H. Res. 801. A resolution recognizing violence against women in politics as a global phenomenon and supporting women's full and meaningful participation in political life; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. WILD (for herself and Mr. GUTHRIE):

H. Res. 802. A resolution expressing support for the designation of November 2021 as "National College Application Month"; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 5991.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mrs. AXNE:

H.R. 5992.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD:

H.R. 5993.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution, Congress has the power to collect taxes and expend funds to provide for the general welfare of the United States. Congress may also make laws that are necessary and proper for carrying into execution their powers enumerated under Article I.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 5994.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 5995.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

By Mr. FORTENBERRY:

H.R. 5996.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority for this bill is pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GOLDEN:

H.R. 5997.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 & Article I, Section 4, Clause 1

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 5998.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 5999.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Const. art. I, §§1 and 8.

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 6000.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 6001.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the power to make laws that are necessary and proper to carry out its enumerated powers.

By Mrs. KIM of California:

H.R. 6002.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. KUSTER:

H.R. 6003.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, the Taxing and Spending Clause: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States . . ."

By Mr. KUSTOFF:

H.R. 6004.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause. Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers and all Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in Department of Officer thereof.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 6005.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MCHENRY:

H.R. 6006.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but

all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. O'HALLERAN:

H.R. 6007.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18, section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. SCHIFF:

H.R. 6008.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 6009.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution. The Congress shall have the Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 6010.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 6011.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3:

The Congress shall have Power to regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H.R. 6012.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress.

Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States; or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. VELA:

H.R. 6013.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8:

The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.J. Res. 64.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18)

By Mr. KELLER:

H.J. Res. 65.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 67: Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 69: Mrs. BOEBERT.

H.R. 151: Mr. GRIJALVA and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 263: Mrs. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 366: Mr. SOTO, Ms. Barragán, and Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 432: Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 475: Ms. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 556: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 612: Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 729: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 963: Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 1012: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1115: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 1179: Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. WALORSKI, and Mrs. HARTZLER.

H.R. 1193: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1384: Mr. POCAN and Mr. BOWMAN.

H.R. 1522: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 1729: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 1745: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Ms. TENNEY, Mrs. AXNE, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

H.R. 1861: Mr. FEENSTRA.

H.R. 1884: Ms. ROSS and Ms. SEWELL.

H.R. 1946: Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, and Mrs. AXNE.

H.R. 1990: Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 2060: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 2154: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 2230: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER and Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 2249: Mrs. HINSON, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. CASE, Mr. SIREs, Mr. REED, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. DOGGETT.

H.R. 2256: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 2285: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 2294: Mrs. MCBATH and Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H.R. 2295: Ms. BOURDEAUX.

H.R. 2311: Mrs. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 2325: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 2350: Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 2421: Mr. GRIFFITH.

H.R. 2616: Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 2689: Mrs. FLETCHER.

H.R. 2748: Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BUDD, Ms. PORTER, Mr. REED, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. GRANGER, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. MFUME, and Mrs. MCCLAIN.

H.R. 2811: Mr. CASTRO of Texas and Mr. JEFFRIES.

H.R. 2840: Mr. SIREs and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 2903: Mr. MFUME, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, and Ms. JACOBS of California.

H.R. 2920: Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 2941: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 3080: Mr. NEWHOUSE.

H.R. 3135: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 3258: Mr. LUCAS.

H.R. 3259: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.

H.R. 3294: Mr. SOTO, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 3355: Mr. DELGADO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MENG, Mr. MEEKS, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 3360: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 3382: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 3486: Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 3517: Ms. SEWELL.

H.R. 3525: Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 3537: Ms. ESHOO and Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 3548: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.R. 3549: Mr. MCKINLEY and Mr. BOWMAN.

H.R. 3574: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. KUSTOFF.

H.R. 3662: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 3685: Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. JACKSON, and Mr. BANKS.

H.R. 3698: Ms. SEWELL.

H.R. 3849: Mr. MFUME.

H.R. 3855: Ms. MANNING.

H.R. 3896: Mr. KINZINGER.

H.R. 3932: Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. LONG.

H.R. 3957: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 4066: Mr. JACKSON.

H.R. 4085: Mr. NUNES, Mr. O'HALLERAN, and Ms. SALAZAR.

H.R. 4098: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 4310: Ms. SHERRILL.

H.R. 4366: Mrs. TORRES of California and Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 4407: Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 4412: Ms. SALAZAR.

H.R. 4445: Ms. GARCIA of Texas and Ms. BASS.

H.R. 4455: Ms. MENG.

H.R. 4479: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 4571: Mr. RUIZ.

H.R. 4575: Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 4589: Mr. GREEN of Texas.

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H.R. 5232: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. ELLZEY.

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H.R. 5332: Mr. SOTO.

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